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## Orion makes appeal in Switzerland Circuit Court

BY BOB DEMAREE

A California solar energy developer has filed suit in Switzerland County against the Jefferson County Board of Zoning Appeals denial of a proposed 472 megawatt solar project in Saluda Township.

The Jefferson County Board

of Zoning Appeals late last year denied an application by Orion Renewable Energy Group LLC for the proposed Idlewild Solar Project leading to the developer filing a lawsuit in Switzerland Circuit Court on the grounds that the board's decision was "arbitrary and capricious."

"There is a lot of support for this project in the county because of all the benefits it will bring to the community," said Michael Cressner, Orion's vice president of development. "We believe our application met and exceeded the county's requirements for obtaining a Special Exception under

the county's solar ordinance. As the appeal is ongoing, we cannot comment further on any details."

Called the Idlewild Solar Project, the development would encompass 3,324 acres near Paynesville in Saluda Township in which solar panels and related production equipment

would cover approximately 2,048 fenced-in acres inside of that. About 20 property owners had signed to lease their land with the project generating approximately 472 megawatts of power at the site.

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Winter storm  
hinders travel,  
causes cancellations

BY BOB DEMAREE

Snow, freezing rain and sleet on Sunday and Monday made for challenging and dangerous road conditions in Jefferson and Switzerland counties in Indiana, and Carroll and Trimble counties in Kentucky and left area highway departments battling to clear roads before the arrival of freezing temperatures midweek can lock that moisture in place.

"We're fighting Mother Nature," said Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency Director Matt True, noting that additional snow accumulation, lower temperatures expected to reach into single digits and drifts caused by winds gusting to 30 mph will all hinder snow removal operations over the next few days.

On Sunday, Madison Mayor Bob Courtney declared a State of Emergency for the city and issued a warning restricting travel to emergency personnel only with a few exceptions.

Courtney said early Monday afternoon that while the State of the Emergency remains in effect, that would be reassessed Tuesday as crews continue clearing primary roads and if weather conditions improve. The sun was shining Monday afternoon, which he said "really helps" even though more snow was anticipated later in the day.

True said the same declaration is also in effect for Jefferson County, noting that overnight temperatures are expected to plunge into single digits on Wednesday and Thursday, ensuring that whatever ice and snow survives until then, may not go away this week. The National Weather Service is also forecasting the arrival of another winter storm in the Ohio River Valley on Friday.

Switzerland County EMA Director Tom Moore said Monday morning that county is under a travel warning after 8 inches of snowfall on Sunday was followed with sleet overnight. Trimble and Carroll counties in Kentucky are both under a Level 3 snow emergency, meaning all roadways are restricted to emergency per-

sonnel, travel for work, provisions, medical supplies or medical treatment, and private snow removal operations.

On Monday, True said he had met with Courtney, the Jefferson County Commissioners, local law enforcement and representatives of the county highway and street departments, and they collectively agreed to remain under the travel warning.

"We're maintaining status quo," True said Monday morning, noting he's not sure when travel restrictions will be lifted.

During the travel warning, residents are directed to refrain from all travel, comply with necessary emergency measures, cooperate with public officials and disaster services in executing emergency operations plans, and obey and comply with lawful directions from properly identified officers.

Courtney urged everyone to prioritize safety. "The safety of our community is our top priority. As this severe weather impacts our area, I urge every-

one to stay home, avoid unnecessary risks, and support one another," he said.

Limiting traffic can help make an already difficult job just a little more safe for the people who do have to be out in the adverse conditions. Road crews have better access to clear roadways with plow trucks and to spread salt and emergency vehicles don't have to compete for roads with other vehicles or worry about stranded vehicles blocking their routes.

The danger can be felt most by the county highway crews that are working to clear roads. True said there have been instances in which ambulances and highway trucks have gone off the road in Jefferson County. As conditions further declined Monday morning, Moore said in Switzerland County there were two highway trucks that had to be pulled out of ditches. Highway trucks had also slid off the roadways in both Trimble and Carroll counties.

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# Vehicular homicide suspect to be arraigned

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

NEW CASTLE, Ky. — A Pendleton man is scheduled to be arraigned Jan. 16 in Henry County Circuit Court on two counts of vehicular homicide and DUI for allegedly causing the deaths of two people last October.

Trustin B. Hasenauer, 21, allegedly caused the deaths of Austin Doane, 40 and Holly Hawkins, 31, of Port Royal following an Oct. 4 wreck on La Grange Road. He was originally charged with two counts of murder but those charges were reduced when he was indicted late last year by a Henry County grand jury, court documents show.

A citation generated by the Kentucky State Police alleges Hasenauer was more than twice the legal limit for alcohol when his Chevrolet pickup truck crossed the center line and struck a motorcycle around 10:30 p.m. on La Grange Road.

The driver of the motorcycle, Doane, was dead when police arrived.

The passenger, Hawkins, was receiving what police described as "life-sav-



Trustin B. Hasenauer

ing measures." She was transported to the University of Louisville Hospital where she was later pronounced dead by the Jefferson County Coroner's Office.

Multiple witnesses told police they saw Hasenauer flee from the scene on foot, according to the citation.

The owner of the truck Hasenauer was driving arrived, saying Hasenauer had called him and told him he'd been in a wreck and was back at his residence on Fox Run Road.

When police arrived at Hasenauer's residence, he told them he "thought he hit a deer," according to the citation. When asked if he had consumed alcohol, Hasenauer allegedly told police he had "one beer."

After being taken into custody, Hasenauer allegedly told police he left the scene because he was scared and his license was expired. He also allegedly told them he consumed alcoholic beverages at a restaurant in New Castle before the wreck.

# US flu season is underway

## As cases surge in some areas, vaccinations lag

BY MIKE STOBBE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The U.S. flu season is underway, with cases surging across much of the country, health officials said recently.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention noted sharp increases in several measures, including lab tests and emergency room visits.

"It's been increasing at a pretty steady pace now for the past several weeks. So yeah, we are certainly in flu season now," said the CDC's Alicia Budd.

Thirteen states reported high or very high levels of flu-like illness last week, about double from the week before. One is Tennessee, where a sickness spike is hitting the Nashville area, said Dr. William Schaffner, an infectious diseases expert at Vanderbilt University.

"Flu has been increasing, but just this last week has exploded," Schaffner said. He noted that in a local clinic that serves as an indicator of illness trends, as many as a quarter of the patients have flu symptoms.

Louisiana is another early hot spot.

"Just this week is really that turning point where people are out because of the flu," said Dr. Catherine O'Neal, an infectious diseases doctor at the largest private hospital in the state, Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center in Baton Rouge.

"You hear parents saying, 'I can't come to work because of the flu' and 'Where can I get a flu test?'"

Of course, there are a number of bugs that cause fever, cough, sore throat and other flu-like symptoms.

One is COVID-19. Another is RSV, or respiratory syncytial virus, which is a common cause of cold-like symptoms but can be dangerous for infants and the elderly.

The most recent CDC data show COVID-19 hospitalizations have been declining since summer. COVID-19 activity is moderate nationally, but high in the Midwest, according to CDC wastewater data.

RSV hospitalizations started rising before flu did and now show signs of possibly leveling off, but they remain a little more common than admissions for flu. Overall, RSV activity is low nationally, but high in the South, the wastewater data show.

The CDC called the start of flu season based on several indicators, include lab results for patients in hospitals and doctor's offices, and the percentage of emergency department visits that had a discharge diagnosis of flu.

No flu strain seems to be dominant, and it's too early in the season to know how good a match the flu vaccine will be, Budd said.

Last winter's flu season was considered "moderate" overall, but it was long — 21 weeks — and the CDC estimated there were 28,000 flu-related deaths.

It was unusually dangerous for children, with 205 pediatric deaths reported. That was the highest number ever reported for a conventional flu season.

The long season was likely a factor, Budd said. Another factor was a lack of flu vaccinations. Among the children who died who were old enough for flu vaccinations — and for whom their vaccination status was known — 80% were not fully vaccinated, according to the CDC.

Vaccination rates for children are

even lower this year. As of Dec. 7, about 41% of adults had received a flu vaccination, similar to the rate at the same point last year. The percentage is the same for kids, but for them that's a drop from a year ago, when 44% were vaccinated against the flu, according to CDC data.

Vaccination rates are lower still against COVID-19, with about 21% of adults and 11% of children up to date.

Flu experts suggest everyone get vaccinated, especially as people prepare to attend holiday gatherings where respiratory viruses can spread widely.

"All those gatherings that are so heartwarming and fun and joyous are also an opportunity for this virus to spread person to person," Schaffner said. "It's not too late to get vaccinated."

Even so, Louisiana's health department said in a statement Friday that it was actually backing away from recommending flu and COVID-19 vaccinations. An official wrote that the department's latest position is that people should talk to their doctors about whether the shots make sense for them.

A department spokeswoman, Emma Herrock, did not respond to follow-up questions about the policy. The state's surgeon general, Dr. Ralph Abraham, previously expressed concerns about the safety and effectiveness of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Vaccines save lives and policies that dissuade people from getting protected are irresponsibly dangerous, public health experts and advocates say.

"People are going to die because of this policy," said Jennifer Herricks, founder of a group called Louisiana Families for Vaccines.

## Madison Salvation Army running more than \$130,000 below goal

BY BOB DEMAREE

The Madison Salvation Army's fundraising totals for this Christmas season are running significantly below the \$220,000

goal, causing concern to Captain Janelle Cleaveland about how that will impact the organization's community programs in the coming year.

So far there has been \$85,335

raised, which is \$134,665 behind the \$220,000 goal that needs to be achieved by Jan. 31, just three weeks away.

Cleaveland, the leader of the Madison Salvation Army since the summer of 2022, said this is her 15th Christmas as a Salvation Army officer, previously serving at three different locations in Iowa.

"This is the most I've been behind. It's the hardest it's been,"

she said, always finding a way to meet budget to fund programs. "Knock on wood, I have never had to edit the budget after the Christmas fundraising season."

Cleaveland said that if the

Madison Salvation Army does not "make within 10% of our goal, we will have to make cuts, whether that's one less meal provided

during the day, less help with rent and utilities, less nights of shelter for the community or less clothing vouchers to the thrift store or less showers and laundry for the homeless. The list goes on and on. We can do the bare minimum if we have to, but I don't want to

have to go to that because

we are a very needed resource in this community, and we want to be able to provide all that we can for this community because our programs are used on a regular basis, and if they're not available, the effect will be felt."

Cleaveland said the Salvation Army's Christmas fundraising begins Oct. 1 and ends Jan. 31. This year's goal for the kettle campaign was \$42,000 but only \$29,446.14 was raised with those collections ending Dec. 24.

Cleaveland said that if the

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le campaign this

year included the same locations as last year — Hobby Lobby, Kroger and Walmart — with new downtown Madison locations at Nice Shots! Photography and DG Market, along with a couple of weekends at Red Roaster.

But Cleaveland noted that a factor in the kettle collections may have been there were fewer days on the calendar this year between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Also, she said the Salvation Army struggled to have enough volunteer bell ringers.

"If there are not bell ringers, we won't make much,"

she said, while citing there were several groups that did including the Madison Cubs baseball team, the Shawe girls soccer team and Shawe girls basketball team.

Cleaveland said the Salvation Army's fundraising was also helped through collections at a Hanover College men's and women's basketball double-header in December, St. Nick's Beard Bash fundraiser and a Thomas Family Winery fundraiser.

"There were a lot of good things happened and a lot of blessings but we're just behind. We're hoping for a miracle," said Cleaveland, adding there have been a

few large gifts received in the past that haven't yet been received this year. "I know it's hard for a lot of people," noting it could just be a factor in the state of the economy. "We understand that" but it doesn't lessen the impact. "We also have to have money to serve the community that we serve in."

Even as the fundraising total currently looks dire, Cleaveland said faith tells her that God will provide. "I am a Christian and I believe in the power of the Lord, that God can do miracles, that God does miracles so I know that he can do miracles, and I am trusting God provides and it all works out."

Donations can be made to the Salvation Army by going online at SAMadison.org, by mail to 331 East Main St., Madison or in-person at the Salvation Army that's open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

"I love what I do," said Cleaveland. "I love the Salvation Army, I love what we do for the community but sometimes it's really hard

working for a non-profit" and relying on donations for funding programs. "This is one of those hard times ... I just want to provide the best for the community."

## BIRTHDAYS

**Editor's Note:** Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

### JANUARY 8

Mary Jo McClelland

### JANUARY 9

Sharon Ogden

### JANUARY 10

Larami King

### JANUARY 12

David Brent

### JANUARY 14

Dave Taylor

### JANUARY 15

Linda Barbeau

Rhonda Sauley

Kenny Surret

### JANUARY 16

Share Boles

Wayne Engle

Sara Minor

Charlie Wade

## WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:58 a.m.

Sunset: 5:37 p.m.

Temperature: High 28, Low 12, Mean 20.0, Deficit 10.2

Precipitation since last published: .70 (snow/ice)

Precipitation, January 2025: .73

Precipitation, 2025: .073

Barometer: 29.80, Rising

River Level at Clifty Creek: 425.6, Rising

Forecast: Wednesday: Partly sunny High 22/Low 6; Thursday: Sunny High 24/Low 7; Friday: Snow showers High 25/Low 21.

## LOTTERY

### INDIANA

Hoosier Lotto: 1-13-16-27-29-38 (1/4). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$36 million. Next Drawing (1/8).

Cash Five: 1-3-11-21-32 (1/5)

Cash 4 Life: 2-6-17-46-57 CB: 2 (1/5)

### KENTUCKY

Cash Ball: 10-11-23-27 CB 2 (1/5)

Lucky For Life: 6-27-31-33-47 LB: 13 (1/5)

### POWERBALL

26-32-43-54-56 PB: 24, PP 2 (1/4). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$220 million. Next Drawing (1/6)

POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 12-25-63-65-66 PB: 14 (1/4). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (1/6)

### MEGAMILLIONS

20-42-46-59-69 MB: 19, MP 4 (1/3). Next Jackpot: \$62 million. Next Drawing (1/7)

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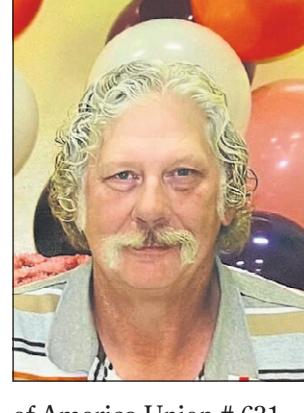
\$60 a year • \$35 for six months

\$20 for three months • \$8 for one month

## OBITUARIES

## Donald Ray Campbell

Donald Ray Campbell, age 72, of Deputy, IN, entered this life on May 18, 1952, and was the only son of Curtis Taylor and Myrtle Francis Dixon Campbell, in the Scottsburg, Scott County, Hospital on the Square. His Family moved to Deputy, Jefferson County when he was five years old. He attended Deputy Grade School and Deputy High School until 1968, when they transferred to Madison Schools, where he graduated in 1970. He was inducted into the U.S. Army and transferred to the National Guard in Dec. 1971, for 6 years and Honorable Discharged at the expiration term of enlistment in Dec. 1976, with the rank of Sergeant. He was awarded The Indiana Commendation Medal for Exceptional Meritorious Service. He was united in marriage to Billie Frances Combs on Nov. 22, 1978, in Scott County, IN. This union was blessed with one son Joshua Curtis Campbell. The marriage ended in 1983. He is a member of the Bethany Baptist Church near Deputy, IN, from a early age and later attended Broadway Church of God in Austin, IN. He is a Member of United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners



of America Union # 631 and he retired from Arvin Industries in North Vernon, IN. Donald left these earthly bonds for those heavenly shores on Dec. 31, 2024, at Norton Scott Memorial Hospital in Scottsburg, IN, at 6:20 p.m.

Donald will be missed by his grandson, Trenton Campbell and fiancée, Jenna Vest of Austin, IN; his granddaughter, Kailee Campbell and companion, Joshua Theroux of Austin, IN; his great grandchildren, Braxton Campbell and Madison Dannheiser; his step daughter, Misty Combs; his step great granddaughter, Whitney Ellis; his sister, Ollie Teltow & her husband: Terry of Lovette, IN; his brother in law, Rev. Jerry Ison of Carrollton, KY; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Curtis Taylor Campbell;

his mother, Myrtle Frances Dixon Campbell; his son, Joshua Curtis "Josh" Campbell, his great granddaughter, Adalyn Rae Theroux; his step daughter, Tina Jo Ellis; his sister, Joyce Ann Campbell Ison; his sister, Mahala Lorene Campbell Hinkle; his brother in law, Henry Hinkle.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, Jan. 9, 2025, at 1 p.m., by Rev. Jerry Ison at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the New Providence Cemetery, 2529 North Slab Road in Austin, IN.

Friends may visit Thursday, Jan. 9, 2025, from 11 a.m. — 1 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

A final salute with military honors will be conducted Thursday, Jan. 9, 2025, by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's charity of choice. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

## Colonel Norbert Anthony "Tony" Steinhardt Jr.

Colonel Norbert Anthony "Tony" Steinhardt Jr. (Ret. U.S. Army, National Guard) Madison, IN, lost a beloved civic leader, dedicated serviceman, and cherished family man with the passing of Colonel Norbert Anthony "Tony" Steinhardt Jr., age 81, on Jan. 1, 2025, at 2:19 a.m., at the Norton Brownsboro Hospital in Louisville, KY. Born on Feb. 13, 1943, in Madison, IN, to Norbert Anthony Sr. and Anna Elizabeth Glauber Steinhardt, Tony's life was one of service, leadership, and unwavering commitment to his hometown.

Tony will be missed by his loving wife of 59 years, Phyllis Jo DeVary Steinhardt of Madison, IN; his loving sons, Norbert Anthony Steinhardt, III and his wife, Hilary of Madison, IN, Scott Andrew Steinhardt, Sr. and his wife, Karen of Easton, MD; his granddaughter, Sydney Anna Steinhardt; his grandsons, Norbert Anthony Steinhardt, IV, Scott Andrew

Steinhardt, II, William Davis Steinhardt; his brothers, John Michael Steinhardt and his wife, Brenda of Madison, IN, Joseph Albert Steinhardt of Madison, IN; his sisters, Anna Catherine Fisher and her husband, James of Madison, IN, Patricia Ann Owens of Madison, IN; his mother in law, Wauneta Barnes DeVary of Madison, IN; his sister-in-law, Donna Wehner and her husband, Randy of Madison, IN; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Norbert Anthony Steinhardt, Sr.; his mother, Anna Elizabeth Glauber Steinhardt, and his father in law, Emmett C. DeVary.

Funeral Mass will be conducted on Friday, Jan. 17, 2025, at 11 a.m., by Father Christopher A. Craig at the Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 413 East Second Street in downtown Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the St. Joseph Cemetery on North Walnut Street in downtown Madison,

IN. Friends may visit Thursday, Jan. 16, 2025, from 4 — 7 p.m., and Friday, Jan. 17, 2025, from 9 until 10:30 a.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

The members of the Madison Elks Lodge No. 524 will hold a memorial lodge service on Thursday, Jan. 16, 2025, at 6:45 p.m.

The Rosary will be prayed on Thursday, Jan. 16, 2025, at 7 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Military honors will be conducted by the Indiana National Guard Ceremonial Unit.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jefferson County Veterans Fund the Community Foundation of Madison, and Jefferson County. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

## DEATH NOTICES

**Frederick J. Cantrell, 80**, of Madison, IN, died Saturday, Jan. 4, 2025, at Norton King's Daughters' Health in Madison. Arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover, IN, [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

**Mary E. Wiley Carr, 93**, of Martinsville, IN, and formerly of Vevay, IN, died Friday, Jan. 3, at the IU Health Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. Arrangement will be announced by Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, [www.haskell-morrison.com](http://www.haskell-morrison.com).

**Leland "Sonny" Creech, 80** of Jeffersonville, IN, died Monday, Dec. 30, 2024, at his home. A celebration of life will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 9, at Grayson Funeral Home in Charlestown, IN, with burial in Crown Hill Cemetery in New Washington, [www.graysonfuneralhome.com](http://www.graysonfuneralhome.com).

**Deborah Kay Munsie Cummings, 70**, of

Worthville, KY, died Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024. No services are scheduled at this time. Arrangements by Garnett-New Funeral Home in Warsaw, KY, [www.gnmfh.com](http://www.gnmfh.com).

**David Edwards, 74**, of Madison, IN, died Sunday, Jan. 5, 2025, at the Hosparus Inpatient Unit of Norton Pavilion in Louisville. Arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover, IN, [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

**Mary E. Wiley Carr, 93**, of Martinsville, IN, and formerly of Vevay, IN, died Friday, Jan. 3, at the IU Health Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. Arrangement will be announced by Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, [www.haskell-morrison.com](http://www.haskell-morrison.com).

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**Linda Sue Phillips, 80**, of Carrollton, KY, died Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025, in Warsaw, KY. Graveside service was Saturday, Jan. 4, at Bedford Cemetery in Bedford, KY.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## EVENTS

**Madison Performing Arts Foundation Concert** Hanover College, Fitzgibbon Hall, Lynn Center for Fine Arts Friday, Jan. 10, 7 p.m.

Hanover College music faculty members Jonathan Stanley, tenor, and Madlen Batchvarova, piano, will perform Divine Love, a survey of sacred songs and arias from J.S. Bach through Moses Hogan. Free.

**Madison Performing Arts Foundation Concert** The Picker House, 110 St. Michaels Ave., Madison Sunday, Jan. 12, 4 p.m.

Music faculty members William Herzog (violin) and Christina Seal (piano) from Northern Kentucky University will perform Gwenyth Walker's Fantasy Etudes, Prokofiev's Sonata 2, Biber's Passacaglia and more.

**Gallery Reception** The SPOT 326 Mulberry Street, Madison Friday, Jan. 17, 5-8 p.m.

Reception for the paintings of Dallas Gambill and works by Brette McGlasson with talks about the art at 6 p.m. Two exhibits on display Jan.

5-30. Free.

## Pop-Up Poetry Event

House of Jane 207 East Main Street, Madison

Saturday, Jan. 18, 2-4:30 p.m.

Indiana Chitlin Circuit, a poetry reading in the round, featuring Indiana Poet Laureate Curtis L. Crisler with National Beat Poet Laureate Ron Whitehead, performing with Bluesman Keith Scott and Madison Poet Jill Kelly Koren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Wayne Franklin "Bud" Shuler; his mother, Eileen Mary Brouse Shuler. Doug died on Friday, Jan. 3, 2025, at 2:18 p.m., at the Norton Brownsboro Hospital in Louisville, KY.

Doug will be missed by his loving wife of 46 years, Karen Leigh Barnes Shuler of Vevay, IN; his loving daughters, Heather Brooks and her husband, Derek of Brooksburg, IN, Holly Shuler of Brooksburg, IN; his adoring grandchildren, Kodie, Trinidie, Autumn, and Makinzie; his sisters, Kathy Hershey and her husband, John of Westfield, IN, Donna Lennox, Kurt Douglas Barnes, and Kenneth

Wayne Barnes; his father in law and his mother in law, William Lamar Barnes, and Beatrice Mae Koivu Barnes.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, Jan. 12, 2025, at 1 p.m., by Pastor John Hart, Pastor Mark Lee and Pastor Jeff Douglas at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive Madison, IN.

Friends may visit Sunday, Jan. 12, 2025, from 10 a.m. — 1 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Brooksburg Baptist Church. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

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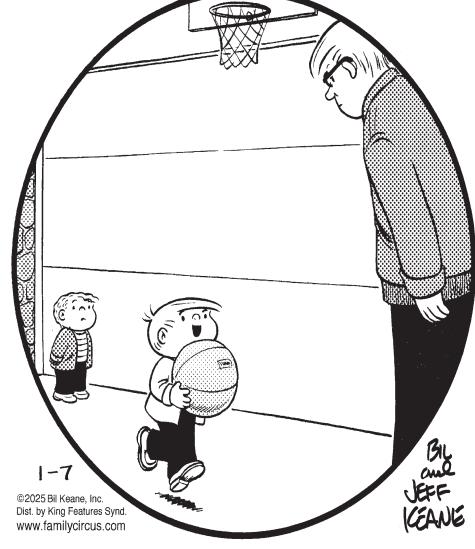
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## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"I win. Jeffy almost made one basket, but I almost made two."

## DENNIS THE MENACE



"WHAT?! IT'S A SECURITY DEPOSIT!"

## ARCTIC CIRCLE



I'LL STICK WITH 'DEGROWTH.'

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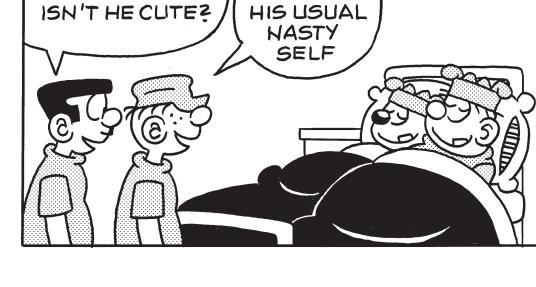


Isn't it nice to spend some time away from music and catch up with each other's lives?

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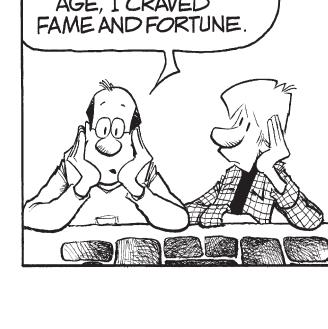
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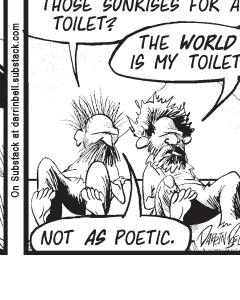
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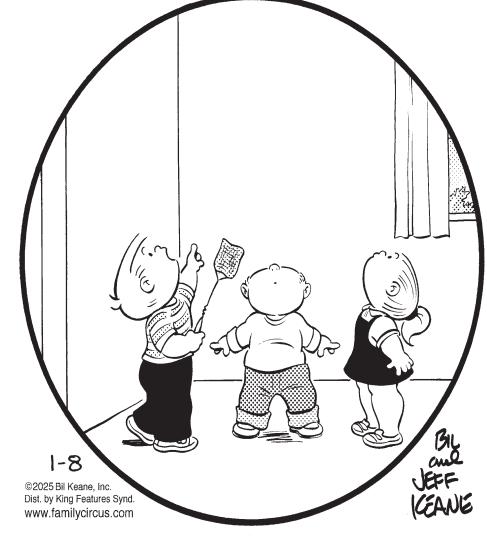
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"There he is! Somebody run upstairs and stomp on the floor!"

## DENNIS THE MENACE

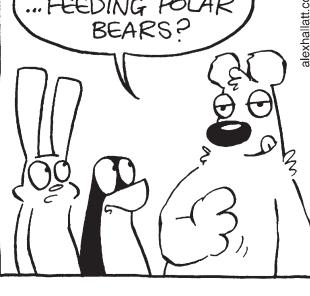


"IF VEGETABLES ARE SO GOOD, WHY DON'T THEY COME WITH FRIES AND A MILK SHAKE?"

## ARCTIC CIRCLE



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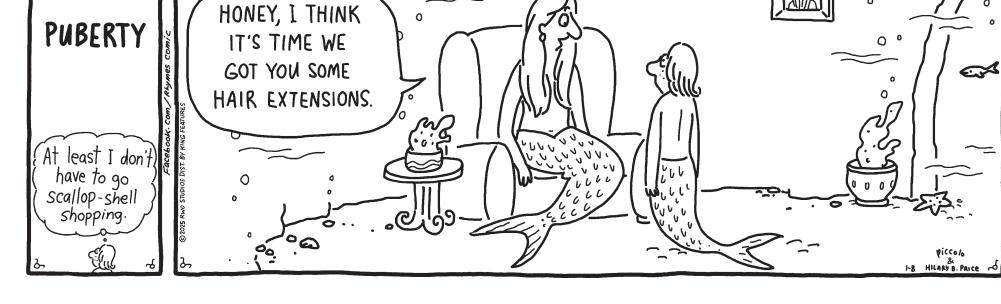
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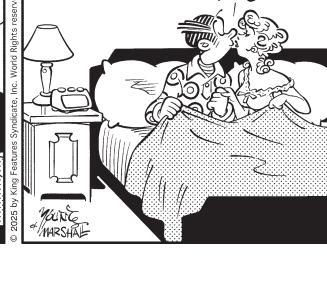
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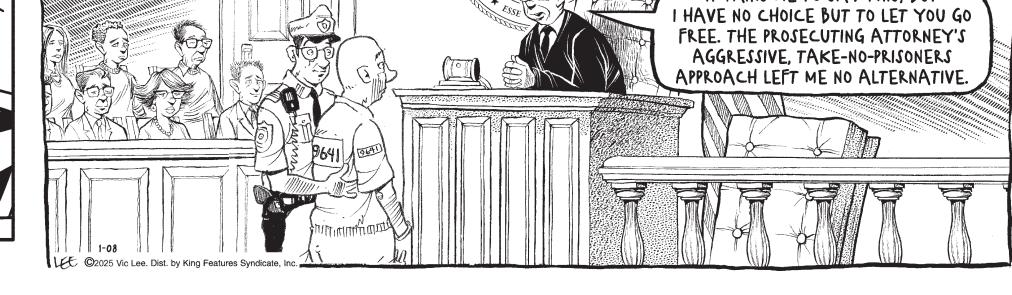


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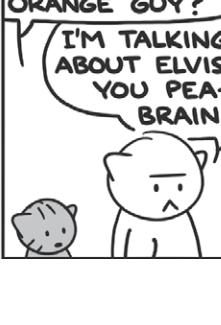
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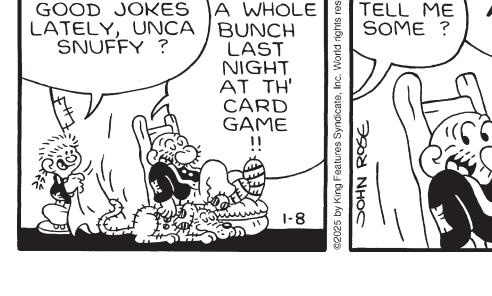


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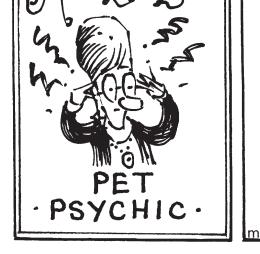
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HE DETESTS BEING CALLED "KITTY BOO-BOO"



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# Carter: Many evolutions for a centenarian 'citizen of the world'

BY BILL BARROW  
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PLAINS, Ga. — Newly married and sworn as a Naval officer, Jimmy Carter left his tiny hometown in 1946 hoping to climb the ranks and see the world.

Less than a decade later, the death of his father and namesake, a merchant farmer and local politician who went by "Mr. Earl," prompted the submariner and his wife, Rosalynn, to return to the rural life of Plains, Georgia, they thought they'd escaped.

The lieutenant never would be an admiral. Instead, he became commander in chief. Years after his presidency ended in humbling defeat, he would add a Nobel Peace Prize, awarded not for his White House accomplishments but "for his decades of untiring effort to find peaceful solutions to international conflicts, to advance democracy and human rights, and to promote economic and social development."

The life of James Earl Carter Jr., the 39th and longest-lived U.S. president, ended Dec. 29 at the age of 100 where it began: Plains, the town of 600 that fueled his political rise, welcomed him after his fall and sustained him during 40 years of service that redefined what it means to be a former president.

With the stubborn confidence of an engineer and an optimism rooted in his Baptist faith, Carter described his motivations in politics and beyond in the same way: an almost missionary zeal to solve problems and improve lives.

Carter was raised amid racism, abject poverty and hard rural living — realities that shaped both his deliberate politics and emphasis on human rights.

"He always felt a responsibility to help people," said Jill Stuckey, a longtime friend of Carter's in Plains. "And when he couldn't make change wherever he was, he decided he had to go higher."

## DEFYING EXPECTATIONS

Carter's path, a mix of happenstance and calculation, pitted moral imperatives against political pragmatism; and it defied typical labels of American politics, especially caricatures of one-term presidents as failures.

"We shouldn't judge presidents by how popular they are in their day. That's a very narrow way of assessing them," Carter biographer Jonathan Alter told the Associated Press. "We should judge them by how they changed the country and the world for the better. On that score, Jimmy Carter is not in the first rank of American presidents, but he stands up quite well."

Later in life, Carter conceded that many Americans, even those too young to remember his tenure, judged him ineffective for failing to contain inflation or interest rates, end the energy crisis or quickly bring home American hostages in Iran. He gained admirers instead for his work at The

## Carter condolence book available for public signing

BY THE COURIER STAFF

A condolence book where local residents can express their sympathy and gratitude to the family and legacy of President Jimmy Carter is available for public signing at Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive, Madison, through Thursday, Jan. 9, during business hours.

Carter, who served as the 39th President of the United States from 1977-1981, died Dec. 29 at age 100. The condolence book will be sent to the Carter Presidential Center in Atlanta.

Morgan & Nay Vice-President and Funeral Director Josh Webb plans to attend the public visitation for President Carter in Washington, D.C., a personal salute that Webb has extended to all U.S. Presidents who have died



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Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison has established a condolence book for President Jimmy Carter that local residents may sign through Thursday. The book will then be delivered to the Carter Presidential Center in Atlanta.

during his tenure with Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre since 2006. The funeral home has

made available condolence books for other past presidents who have died in recent years.

Carter Center — advocating globally for public health, human rights and democracy since 1982 — and the decades he and Rosalynn wore hardhats and swung hammers with Habitat for Humanity.

Yet the common view that he was better after the Oval Office than in it annoyed Carter, and his allies relished him living long enough to see historians reassess his presidency.

"He doesn't quite fit in today's terms" of a left-right, red-blue scoreboard, said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, who visited the former president multiple times during his own White House bid.

At various points in his political career, Carter labeled himself "progressive" or "conservative" — sometimes both at once. His most ambitious health care bill failed — perhaps one of his biggest legislative disappointments — because it didn't go far enough to suit liberals. Republicans, especially after his 1980 defeat, cast him as a left-wing cartoon.

It would be easiest to classify Carter as a centrist, Buttigieg said, "but there's also something radical about the depth of his commitment to looking after those who are left out of society and out of the economy."

## 'COUNTRY COME TO TOWN'

Indeed, Carter's legacy is stitched with complexities, contradictions and evolutions — personal and political.

The self-styled peacemaker was a war-trained Naval Academy graduate who promised Democratic challenger Ted Kennedy that he'd "kick his ass." But he campaigned with a call to treat everyone with "respect and compassion and with love."

Carter vowed to restore America's virtue after the

shame of Vietnam and Watergate, and his technocratic, good-government approach didn't suit Republicans who tagged government itself as the problem. It also sometimes put Carter at odds with fellow Democrats.

The result still was a notable legislative record, with wins on the environment, education, and mental health care. He dramatically expanded federally protected lands, began deregulating air travel, railroads and trucking, and he put human rights at the center of U.S. foreign policy. As a fiscal hawk, Carter added a relative pittance to the national debt, unlike successors from both parties.

Carter nonetheless struggled to make his achievements resonate with the electorate he charmed in 1976. Quoting Bob Dylan and grinning enthusiastically, he had promised voters he would "never tell a lie." Once in Washington, though, he led like a joyless engineer, insisting his ideas would become reality and he'd be rewarded politically if only he could convince enough people with facts and logic.

This served him well at Camp David, where he brokered peace between Israel's Menachem Begin and Egypt's Anwar Sadat, an experience that later sparked the idea of The Carter Center in Atlanta. Carter's tenacity helped the center grow to a global force that monitored elections across five continents, enabled his freelance diplomacy and sent public health experts across the developing world. The center's wins were personal for Carter, who hoped to outlive the last Guinea worm parasite, and nearly did.

As president, though, the approach fell short when he urged consumers beleaguered by energy costs to turn down their thermostats. Or when he tried to

carry his own luggage, bunking with supporters during his first presidential campaign and always using his nickname.

And he began his politi-

cal career in a whites-only Democratic Party.

As private citizens, he and Rosalynn supported integration as early as the 1950s and believed it inevitable. Carter refused to join the White Citizens Council in Plains and spoke out in his Baptist church against denying Black people access to worship services.

"This is not my house; this is not your house," he said in a churchwide meeting, reminding fellow parishioners their sanctuary belonged to God.

Yet as the appointed chairman of Sumter County schools he never pushed to desegregate, thinking it impractical after the Supreme Court's 1954 *Brown v. Board* decision.

And while presidential candidate Carter would hail the 1965 Voting Rights Act,

signed by fellow Democrat Lyndon Johnson when Carter was a state senator, there is no record of Carter publicly supporting it at the time.

Carter overcame a ballot-stuffing opponent to win his legislative seat, then lost the 1966 governor's race to an arch-segregationist.

He won four years later by avoiding explicit mentions of race and campaigning to the right of his rival, who he mocked as "Cufflinks Carl"

— the insult of an ascendant politician who never saw himself as part of the establishment.

Carter's rural and small-town coalition in 1970 would match any victorious Republican electoral map in 2024. Once elected, though, Carter shocked his white conservative supporters

— and landed on the cover of Time magazine — by declaring that "the time for racial discrimination is over."

Before making the jump to Washington, Carter befriended the family of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., whom he'd never sought out as he eyed the governor's office.

Carter lamented his foot-dragging on school integration as a "mistake."

But he also met, conspicuously, with Alabama's segregationist Gov. George Wallace to accept his primary rival's endorsement ahead of the 1976 Democratic convention.

"He very shrewdly took advantage of his own Southernness," said Amber Roessner, a University of Tennessee professor and expert on Carter's campaigns.

A coalition of Black voters and white moderate Democrats ultimately made Carter the last Democratic presidential nominee to sweep the Deep South.

Then, just as he did in Georgia, he used his power in office to appoint more non-whites than all his predecessors had, combined.

He once acknowledged "the secret shame" of white Americans who didn't fight segregation. But he also told Alter that doing more would have sacrificed his political viability — and thus everything he accomplished in office and after.

King's daughter, Bernice King, described Carter as wisely "strategic" in win-

ning higher offices to enact change. "He was a leader of conscience," she said in an interview.

## ROSALYNN WAS CARTER'S CLOSEST ADVISOR

Rosalynn Carter, who died on Nov. 19 at the age of 96, was identified by both husband and wife as the "more political" of the pair; she sat in on Cabinet meetings and urged him to postpone certain priorities, like pressing the Senate to relinquish control of the Panama Canal.

"Let that go until the second term," she would sometimes say.

The president, recalled her former aide Kathy Cade, retorted that he was "going to do what's right" even if "it might cut short the time I have."

Rosalynn held firm, Cade said: "She'd remind him you have to win to govern."

Carter also was the first president to appoint multiple women as Cabinet officers. Yet by his own telling, his career sprouted from chauvinism in the Carters' early marriage: He did not consult Rosalynn when deciding to move back to Plains in 1953 or before launching his state Senate bid a decade later.

Many years later, he called it "inconceivable" that he didn't confer with the woman he described as his "full partner," at home, in government and at The Carter Center.

"We developed a partnership when we were working in the farm supply business, and it continued when Jimmy got involved in politics," Rosalynn Carter told AP in 2021.

So deep was their trust that when Carter remained tethered to the White House in 1980 as 52 Americans were held hostage in Tehran, it was Rosalynn who campaigned on her husband's behalf.

"I just loved it," she said, despite the bitterness of defeat.

## REEVALUATING HIS LEGACY

Fair or not, the label of a disastrous presidency had leading Democrats keep their distance, at least publicly, for many years, but Carter managed to remain relevant, writing books and weighing in on societal challenges.

He lamented widening wealth gaps and the influence of money in politics. He voted for democratic socialist Bernie Sanders over Hillary Clinton in 2016, and later declared that America had devolved from fully functioning democracy to "oligarchy."

Yet looking ahead to 2020, with Sanders running again, Carter warned Democrats not to "move to a very liberal program," lest they help re-elect President Donald Trump.

Carter scolded the Republican for his serial lies and threats to democracy, and chided the U.S. establishment for misunderstanding Trump's populist appeal.

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## SNOWED

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Carroll County EMA Director Tony Crutcher reported only slide offs, and no serious vehicle incidents in that county as of Monday afternoon and that's due in large part to the very few motorists attempting travel. "People are listening. Folks are staying home like they should be."

Trimble County EMA Director Andrew Stark likewise reported a very few vehicle incidents and only slide offs but nothing serious. He also reported that less than 10 residents had lost power in Trimble County. Crutcher reported a minor power outage in Ghent with Kentucky Utilities working to restore power Monday.

The weather conditions have resulted in several closings from schools, to businesses and factories and government offices.

On Monday, Madison Consolidated Schools announced a synchronous virtual day on Tuesday but had made no decision beyond that. Switzerland County schools are closed Tuesday and Christian Academy of Madison will have a virtual learning day Tuesday. Both Carroll County and Trimble County have opted to remain closed Tuesday and Wednesday and Christian Academy of Carrollton will implement virtual learning on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb activated the Indiana National Guard to provide winter storm support and assistance to state and local responders. The governor's office says the response package includes Indiana National Guard Highway Assistance Teams that are available to assist stranded



Mark Campbell

Residents on St. Michaels Avenue did their best to clear a path in Sunday's heavy snowfall but with snow falling at about an inch per hour, sidewalks were covered almost as fast as they were cleared. About 7 inches of snow and ice had accumulated by Monday morning.



Mark Campbell

The Broadway Fountain in downtown Madison, still draped with holiday lights from the Christmas season, was surrounded by and layered with deep snow shortly before daybreak Monday.

ed motorists and support other types of winter emergencies. Initial plans are for the guard to work in conjunction with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Indiana State Police and Emergency Operations Center and remain activated through Tuesday.

Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear, who declared a state of emergency on Saturday, urged as many Kentuckians as possible to stay off roadways to give transportation and utility workers the best opportunity to clear roads and restore power before extremely cold tempera-

tures arrive Tuesday. "The good news is we are not aware of any major injuries thus far. We also haven't had any reports that we've lost anybody right now. And for a state that's been through tornadoes, flooding, polar plunges and so much more, we were ready for



Bob Demaree

Anthony Miller, of Madison, shovels snow on Third Street during a break in Sunday's winter storm.



Bob Demaree

Weather conditions on Sunday afternoon didn't keep a couple of dogs and their walkers from a stroll near Johnson Lake Park on Madison's hilltop.

this. So, thanks to everyone out there doing their part — like our media and meteorologists and a lot of others. We had a lot of prep time, but there is still a lot of work to do. And the best thing people can do is stay home, stay safe."

## GRANT

FROM PAGE A1

Because of the BLF's focus on mental health in 2024, "we felt Bethany Legacy Foundation was a really great partner in this because of their connections they made with their mental health push," Wyne said. "They were just a really invaluable resource for this new position."

Wyne noted Jefferson County has been labeled a "mental health desert" but that there are valuable resources available in the county and it will be the task of the navigator to pull together information on all those resources. "It's just bringing awareness, and being able to connect our community members to their appropriate resource they're looking for and then bringing that communication factor between the resources themselves so we're not having multiple agencies start up and try to duplicate services."

She noted there are support groups available but often it's a matter of knowing where and when those groups meet. "There's a lot of small faith based organizations in our community that handle a lot of our substance use support groups," she said, but occasionally times and dates change, and it will help to have someone

"to be building connections with all those agencies" to keep track of those changes.

"We're hoping together that everyone will get to the point that they're pointing at this Behavioral Health Navigator and the health department as a point of reference and contact for that one specific thing when it comes to mental health to be able to point people in the right direction so that it's so common place," said Wyne.

The navigator will serve as a support person for those who need help. "It's hard for people to reach out and ask for help," said Wyne, noting the navigator will provide "that extra level of support and guidance. When you're trying to find resources on your own, it can be really difficult" in just getting a timely appointment or knowing the best suited resource. "It can be overwhelming and a little daunting, and we think that instead of directing people to those agencies if we can connect them, then there's more of the human aspect to it" in making certain they get the help they need.

Ideally, Wyne said the navigator will have a background in social work, psychology and public health, and be someone familiar with Jefferson County "that has that need and desire to help in their own community. I think somebody like that would really thrive in this position."

The position is funded by BLF through 2027, and begins once a person is hired for the job. Initially, the navigator will make connections to pull together resources. "If you don't have the resources, you can't advise people properly, you can't send them to the right spot. So, the first goal will be making those connections and reach out to the sources, and the agencies that provide those resources in our county," said Wyne. "Once they have a good grasp on the things that are available, the opportunity for substance use support or for different mental health supports" in directing those who need help to the right resource.

A determination on how the navigator position will be funded after 2027 will be made after there's time to see "how it does and thrives" once the position is implemented, and whether anything should be done differently. Once that is determined there will be steps taken to seek funding needed to continue the position.

Wyne said she doesn't know of any other counties that have a Behavioral Health Navigator. "I can see if this position really gets into a place that it is helping the community, I can see that other people are looking at it. If it excels in Jefferson County, I can see it being used as a model."

to any other probation plus \$289 in fees and court costs and State agrees not to file a petition to revoke probation based on this conviction.

## RECORD

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### JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT

#### SENTENCINGS

January 2, 2025

Garcia Juan Vielman, 20, Madison, for Operating a Vehicle Without a License, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus \$189.50 in court costs.

January 3, 2025

Ashley M. Gullion, 28, Hanover, for Theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, all suspended to supervised probation consecutive

#### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

##### JEFFERSON COUNTY

January 2, 2025

Mary Margaret Bird and Thomas Orvel Bird (deceased) to Robert Walter Bird, Richard Thomas Bird, Rena Carol Caldwell and Rebecca Jane Barnett (transferees death), 2428 Green Hills Drive, Madison.

Secretary of Housing and Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Gary Luckett and Diana Luckett, 1436 Clifty Drive, Madison.

Bethany Whybrew to Bethany Whybrew Revocable Trust, 720 Fillmore Street, Madison.



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Madison's Savannah Resendiz-Mack (top) holds Floyd Central's Constance Phelps during their championship match at 170 pounds during the IHSAA Girls Wrestling Sectional at Floyd Central on Friday.



Madison's Isabella Zuckschwerdt (right) battles with Switzerland County's Miley Stroud during their match at 145 pounds during the IHSAA Girls Wrestling Sectional at Floyd Central on Friday.



Switzerland County's Klayre Redwine (top) holds down Jennings County's Eliza Leslie during their match at 130 pounds at the IHSAA Girls Wrestling Sectional on Friday.

## 4 locals win in 1st IHSAA girls wrestling sectional

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Four girls from Madison and Switzerland County high schools made history by winning sectional titles in the first-ever IHSAA Girls Wrestling Sectional Championship contested at Floyd Central on Friday.

Girls wrestling has been around for several years, with girls competing on boys teams in the IHSAA tournament and in a girls division, separate from the IHSAA. But this year marked the first time the IHSAA sanctioned a stand-alone girls state tournament.

Isabella Zuckschwerdt, Maylie Skinner and Savannah Resendiz-Mack all won titles in their respective weight classes with Switzerland County's Klaire Redwine also claiming a sectional championship.

Four other Madison Cubs and two Switzerland County Pacers also qualified for the regional in Mooresville this week with top-four finishes.

Redwine (17-1) rolled to the win at 130 pounds. The junior received three byes into the semifinals



Madison's Maylie Skinner (right) holds down Jeffersonville's Danielle Hill during her win at 155 pounds in the IHSAA Girls Wrestling Sectional at Floyd Central on Friday.

where she pinned Jennings County's Eliza Leslie in 1:52. She then dispatched Jeffersonville's Scarlett McRae in 37 seconds.

Zuckschwerdt (15-9) claimed the title at 145 pounds. The freshman picked up a forfeit in the

quarterfinals then posted an 11-5 win over Switzerland County's Miley Stroud in the semifinals. She then battled Jennings County's Katherine Brunner nearly the distance before scoring the fall in 5:24.

Skinner (16-0) remained undefeated on the season with a dominate performance at 155 pounds. The junior received byes until the semifinals where she pinned Jeffersonville's Danielle Hill in 46 seconds. In the finals, she claimed a 16-0 technical fall in 2:32 over Jennings County's Janice Placido.

Resendiz-Mack (12-8) won the title at 170 pounds. Getting a bye until the semifinals, she posted a pin in 1:20 over Jennings County's Gabriella Hernandez and then pinned Floyd Central's Constance Phelps in 1:34 in the championship.

Madison's Maya Bullock, Angelina Yantz and Brooklyn Neece each reached the finals but lost to finish as tourney runners-up.

Bullock (10-7) pinned Henryville's Karly Richardson in 1:40 in her first match at 105 pounds but then lost 7-1 to Floyd Central's Scarlett Rudnick in the championship.

Yantz (12-8) gutted out a pin in 4:58 over Floyd Central's Izzy Stewart at 115 pounds before falling by pin in 2:36 to Jennings

County's Sasha Hicks.

Neece (15-3) got a forfeit win to open the 235-pound class and then pinned Corydon's Ellen Ashabanner in 48 seconds in the semifinals. She was then pinned by Jennings County's Bresa Coan in 21 seconds in the finals.

Madison's Jolene Kennett (6-11) placed third at 190 pounds, Switzerland County's Miley Stroud (8-10) placed third at 145 pounds and Switzerland's Payton Stow (5-13) placed fourth at 110 pounds as all three earned berths to the regional.

Switzerland County's Maleah Wolf (9-6) ended up fifth at 170 pounds.

Jennings County won the team championship with 257 points with Jeffersonville second with 172 and Madison third with 145.5. Switzerland finished sixth with 57 points.

The IHSAA Regional will be held at Mooresville on Friday beginning at 11 a.m. The top four finishers in each weight class will advance to the state finals in Indianapolis on Friday, Jan. 17.

### HS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

## Lady Cubs dominate South Ripley 62-41

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison jumped on South Ripley from the start and cruised to a 62-41 win in girls basketball Friday at home.

The Cubs led 13-9 after the first quarter and 23-13 at halftime before pulling away in the second half.

Juliana Davis scored 16 points and had six rebounds and five assists to lead Madison while Kenzie Smith had a double-double of 11 points and 10 rebounds. Addison Roark had 13 points and Keragan Spry scored nine for the Cubs.

Madison, now 11-2 on the season, was to host Brownstown on Tuesday and travel to Charlestown on Thursday.

### HILLTOPPERS 3RD AT EDINBURGH

Shawe's girls shut out Edinburgh in the first quarter and rolled to a 51-29 win in the third place game of the Edinburgh Holiday Classic on Friday.

The Hilltoppers led 15-0 after the first quarter and 23-17 at the half before a 21-6 third-quarter run

sealed the win.

Allison Knoebel had 21 points, 10 rebounds and six assists to lead Shawe while Audrey Barron had 12 points, 10 rebounds and five steals and Ava Turner had 12 points, seven rebounds and five steals.

Shawe opened the tournament on Thursday with a 62-25 win over Columbus HomeSchool before falling 49-39 to Class 2A No. 4 Austin in the semifinals.

Shawe, now 11-4 on the season, heads to Eastern (Pekin) on Tuesday and to Rock Creek on Thursday.

### LADY PACERS FALL TO BATESVILLE

Switzerland County dropped a 58-37 loss at Batesville in girls basketball on Friday.

Addie Kelso had 12 points and Bri Stow scored 10 for the Pacers.

Switzerland, now 4-11 on the season, faces Lawrenceburg in the semifinals of the Rivertown Classic at South Dearborn on Wednesday. The Pacers will then play either Rising Sun or South Dearborn on Friday.

### CARROLL GIRLS BEAT BOONE

Carroll County scored a 47-34 win at Boone County in girls basketball on Friday.

Elle Spencer scored a career-high 29 points and added seven rebounds to lead Carroll while Josie Dale had 11 points.

Carroll, now 5-6 on the season, was to host Woodford County on Tuesday but that game has been canceled by the snowstorm. Carroll hosts Dayton on Thursday and Sayre on Friday before traveling to Harrison County on Saturday.

### TRIMBLE SPLITS WITH VALLEY

Trimble County's girls basketball teams suffered a 57-35 loss at home to Valley on Friday.

No stats for the game were available.

Trimble falls to 4-5 on the season and will play Owen County on Tuesday in the opening round of the All "A" Classic Eighth Region Tournament at Owen County weather permitting. The boys All "A" was scheduled to start Monday night but those games were postponed by inclement weather.

## Slow start costs Rebels in loss at Corydon

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern got off to a rough start at Corydon and never recovered, falling 51-30 on the road in boys basketball Saturday.

The Rebels trailed 14-5 after the first quarter and 26-16 at halftime. Corydon then outscored Southwestern 25-14 in the second half to pull away.

Southwestern shot just 29% (13-for-45) from the floor and had no player reach double-digits in scoring. Jeter Chatham led the Rebels with nine points and Caleb Goode scored seven.

Southwestern, now 7-3 on the season, travels to Rock Creek on Friday and to Class 2A No. 6 Providence on Saturday.

41-40 win over Valley at home on Friday.

Ethan Keller led the Raiders with 16 points while Dylan Penick and Hayden Webster scored 8 each and Briar Rucker had 6 points and nine rebounds.

Trimble's boys improve to 4-9 on the season and will compete in the All "A" Classic Eighth Region Tournament at Owen County this week. The Raiders were scheduled to play Walton-Verona on Monday but that game has now been postponed due to the weather with a make-up date to be decided.

### SHAWE FALLS TO SOUTH DECATUR

Shawe suffered a 57-52 loss in overtime at South Decatur on

Saturday in boys basketball. No stats from the game were available.

Shawe, now 4-6 on the season, hosts Oldenburg on Friday and Assumption Academy on Saturday.

### PACERS FALL TO PROVIDENCE

Southwestern County suffered a 52-32 loss at home to Class 2A No. 6 Providence on Saturday in boys basketball.

No stats from the game were available.

Southwestern, now 5-4 on the season, plays Lawrenceburg in the semifinals of the Rivertown Classic at South Dearborn on Thursday. The Pacers will then play either Rising Sun or South Dearborn on Saturday.

### LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

#### TUESDAY, JAN. 7

##### BASKETBALL

Shawe girls at Eastern (Pekin), 6:30 p.m.

Carroll Co. boys at Boone Co., (ppd.)

Carroll Co. girls host Woodford Co., (ppd.)

Madison girls host Brownstown, 7:30 p.m.

Southwestern boys at Providence, 7:30 p.m.

Trimble Co. girls vs. Owen Co., All "A" Classic 8th Region Tournament at Owen Co., 7:30 p.m.

##### SWIMMING

Southwestern hosts Switzerland Co., 6 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, JAN. 9

##### BASKETBALL

Switzerland Co. boys vs. Lawrenceburg, Rivertown Classic, 6 p.m.

Shawe girls at Rock Creek, 7 p.m.

Madison girls at Charlestown, 7:30 p.m.

Southwestern girls host Austin, 7:30 p.m.

##### SWIMMING

Southwestern hosts Switzerland Co., 6 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, JAN. 10

##### BASKETBALL

Switzerland Co. girls, Rivertown Classic, TBA

Carroll Co. girls host Sayre, 6:30 p.m.

Madison boys host Scottsburg, 7:30 p.m.

Shawe boys host Oldenburg, 7:30 p.m.

Southwestern boys at Rock Creek, 7:30 p.m.

Trimble Co. boys at Portland Christian, 7:30 p.m.

##### WRESTLING

Madison, Switzerland Co. girls, IHSAA Regionals at Mooresville, 11 a.m.

## Irsay to retain GM Ballard and coach Steichen

BY MICHAEL MAROT

ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS —

Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay insists he's as frustrated as the team's fans are about a fourth consecutive playoff absence.

He's just not ready to start over.

About four hours after the Colts completed their season with a 26-23 overtime victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars, Irsay ended any speculation about possible offseason changes by announcing in a letter to fans that longtime general manager Chris Ballard and second-year coach Shane

Steichen would return next season.

"I've been evaluating our entire operation, and I believe in Chris Ballard and Shane Steichen and our collective ability to make the improvements needed to take us to the next level in 2025," the 65-year-old owner wrote.

"I know fans who want an immediate change in leadership will be disappointed. That means we all have a lot to prove, so we'll get back to work and keep doing what we can to earn your support and make you proud to be a Colts fan."

The decision stops, for

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# Brea's 7 threes lift No. 10 Kentucky over No. 6 Florida 106-100

BY STEVE MCCLAIN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Koby Brea scored 23 points and hit seven 3-pointers off the bench to lead No. 10 Kentucky over No. 6 Florida 106-100 on Saturday, handing the Gators their first loss of the season.

The Gators (13-1, 0-1 Southeastern Conference) had cut an 80-69 Kentucky lead to 89-87 on Walter Clayton Jr.'s free throws with 4:40 remaining, but Lamont Butler hit a 3 as the shot clock wound down and added two free throws to help the Wildcats (12-2, 1-0) hang on.

Clayton scored 33 points, 12 of those in Florida's 18-9 run before Butler's 3 with 3:42 left. Aljiah Martin scored 20 of his 26 points in the second half to rally Florida after Kentucky took a 52-42 halftime lead.

Butler finished with 19 points and eight assists as Kentucky placed six players in double digits.

## TAKEAWAYS

**Florida:** The Gators used offensive rebounding to take an early lead in the game and then battle their way back in the second half. They had 15 offensive rebounds leading to 31 second chance points.

**Kentucky:** In the first 10 minutes, Kentucky was outrebounded 12-2 and trailed 20-11. Over the rest of the first half, Kentucky held a 16-9 rebounding edge and a 10-point halftime lead.

## KEY MOMENT

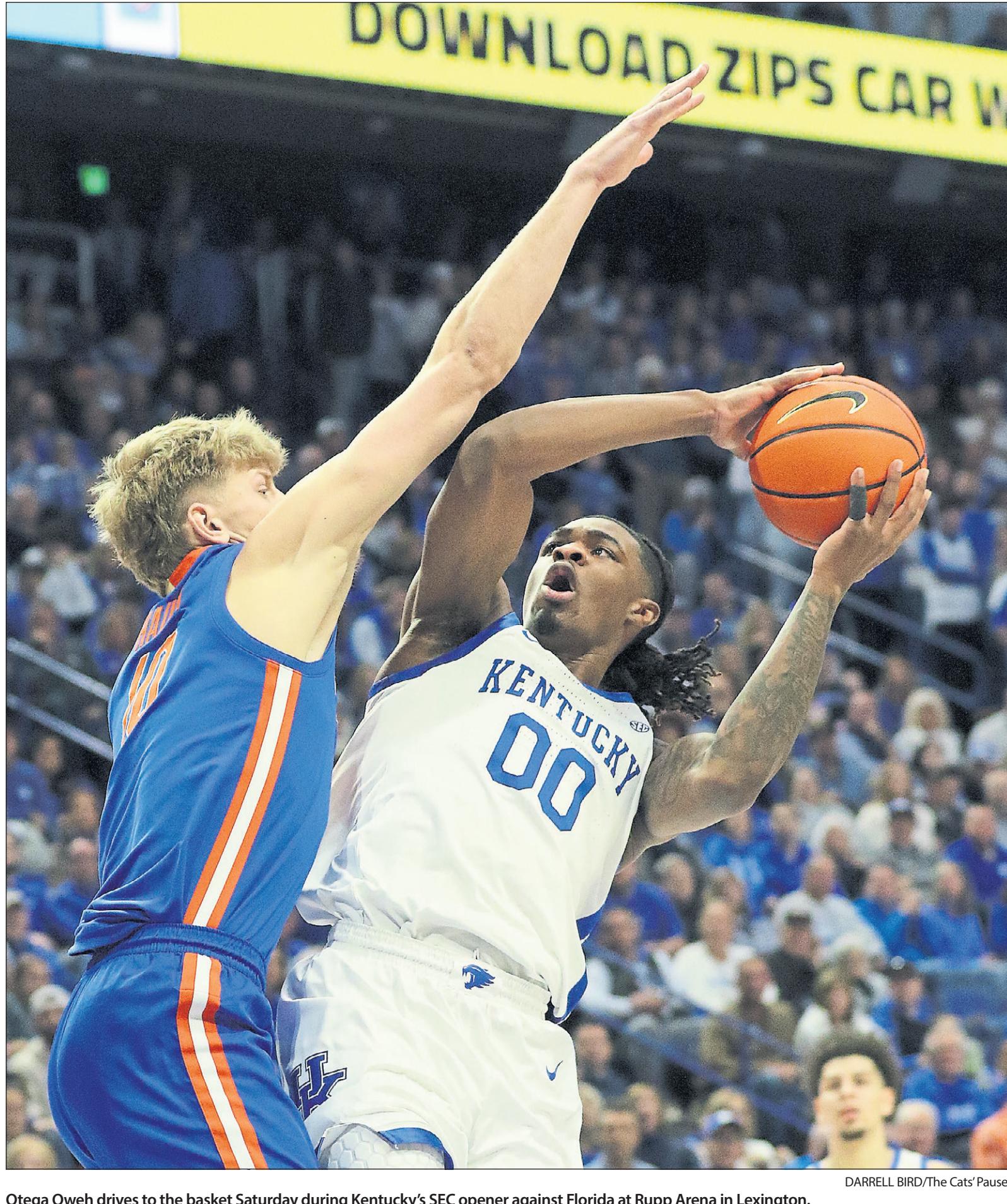
Florida had cut the Kentucky lead to one at 70-69 when coach Todd Golden took a 30-second timeout. The Wildcats scored the next 10 points.

## KEY STAT

Florida had held its previous four opponents to 20% shooting on 3-pointers, giving up about five 3s per game. Kentucky shot 48% and made 14 3s.

## UP NEXT

Both teams play Tuesday night: Florida hosts top-ranked Tennessee while Kentucky goes on the road to Georgia (TV: Live on SEC at 7 p.m.).



DARRELL BIRD/The Cats' Pause

Otega Oweh drives to the basket Saturday during Kentucky's SEC opener against Florida at Rupp Arena in Lexington.

# Louisville scores rare win over Virginia in 70-50 rout

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Reyne Smith and Aboubacar Traore scored 15 points apiece and first-year coach Pat Kelsey led Louisville to a rare victory over Virginia, 70-50 on Saturday.

The Cardinals (10-5, 3-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) won for the first time in 10 all-time games at John Paul Jones Arena and notched their first road win over the Cavaliers (8-6, 1-2).

since February of 1990. Virginia had won 18 of the previous 19 matchups and leads the all-time series 24-6.

Kelsey was hired after head-coaching stops at Winthrop (2012-21) and Charlotte (2021-24). Ron Sanchez was named interim coach at Virginia after three-time national coach of the year Tony Bennett retired in October.

Smith made 5 of 10 from 3-point range. Traore came off the bench to sink 6 of 10 shots and grab eight rebounds as Louisville controlled the boards 42-25. J'Vonne Hadley had 11 points and Chucky Hepburn scored 10.

Andrew Rohde scored 16 to lead Virginia. Isaac McKneely had 13 points and Elijah Saunders scored 12.

McKneely and Rohde both scored eight in the first half and Rohde's layup with 4:20 left tied the game at 20. Traore dunked and hit a 3-pointer as Louisville outscored the Cavaliers 12-7 from there to take a 32-27 lead into halftime. Traore had nine points to help the Cardinals' reserves outscore their counterparts 17-0 before the break and 34-2 on the night.

Louisville scored the first four points of the second half before Virginia went on a 7-0 run to get within two. Smith and Rohde answered with 3-pointers and Traore had back-to-back baskets to cap a 10-2 run and the Cardinals cruised.

Louisville will host Clemson on Tuesday (TV: Live on ESPNU at 7 p.m.). Virginia travels to play California on Wednesday.

# Ballo's 25/13 lets Indiana hold off Penn State

PHILADELPHIA — Oumar Ballo scored 25 points and grabbed 13 rebounds as Indiana held off a late rally to beat Penn State 77-71 in a game played at The Palestra in Philadelphia on Sunday.

The game was the fifth Big Ten Conference contest Penn State has held at "The Cathedral of College Basketball" and the

Nittany Lions lost for the second time.

Nick Kern Jr. hit two free throws in the final minute to tie the game at 29-29 going into intermission, but the Hoosiers got two 3-pointers and a layup from Mackenzie Mgbako to open the second half and Myles Rice and Ballo each converted layups to push the lead to 41-29

three minutes in. Trey Galloway's 3-pointer midway through the half made it 61-45 before the Nittany Lions went on an 8-1 run to cut the deficit to 62-53.

Penn State missed its first 13 shots from behind the 3-point arc before Freddie Dilione V and Kern hit back-to-back 3s to get within four, 65-61 with 5:50 left. Ballo responded by pow-

ering to the basket for a layup at the rim and added the free throw to push the lead back to seven points. Zach Hicks hit a third-straight 3 to get the Nittany Lions within 73-71 with 1:43 left but Mgbako and Rice each hit two free throws to set the final margin. Ace Baldwin missed three 3-point attempts in the final 17 seconds and Dilione

missed a fourth at the buzzer.

Mgbako finished with 20 points and Goode added another 12 for Indiana (12-3, 3-1).

Kern finished with 21 points for Penn State (12-3, 2-2). Baldwin added 12 and Dilione 11.

Penn State plays at No. 22 Illinois Wednesday and Indiana plays host to USC Wednesday (TV: Live on BTN at 7 p.m.).

# Smith leads No. 20 Purdue to rout of Northwestern

BY MARK AMBROGI  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WEST LAFAYETTE — Braden Smith had 22 points and seven assists to lead No. 20 Purdue to a 79-61 rout of Northwestern on Sunday.

Smith, who scored 17 of his points in the first half, hit 8 of 16 shots for the Boilermakers (11-4, 3-1 Big Ten). Trey Kaufman-Renn and C.J. Cox each scored 12 points for Purdue.

Angelo Ciaravino led the Wildcats (10-5, 1-3) with 19 points on 8-of-14 shooting. Brooks Barnhizer, who graduated from nearby Lafayette Jefferson High School, and Jalen Leach each had 11 points. Barnhizer, who was averaging 20.1 points entering the game, struggled from the field, making 4 of 15 shots.

The Boilermakers led by as many as 29 points at 63-34 with 11:21 left in the second half. They scored the first seven points and never trailed.

The Boilermakers shot 59% in the first half while holding Northwestern to 25%.

## TAKEAWAYS

**Northwestern:** Ciaravino was a bright spot as he was averaging just 3.3 points prior to the game. Nick Martinelli, who averaged 20.1 points entering the game, had 10 points on 2-of-8 shooting.

**Purdue:** The Boilermakers continue to dominate at home, winning a 25th consecutive home game. Purdue has now won three in a row after a stretch where it lost three of four games.

## KEY MOMENT

Myles Colvin sank a 3-pointer to give Purdue a 25-14 lead to fire up the crowd. Colvin, who had been mired in a shooting slump, was 1 of 16 from 3-point range in the previous five games. Colvin added a second 3-pointer in the second half, finishing with seven points.

## KEY STAT

Purdue held the Wildcats to 38% from the field, including 28% from 3-point range. In contrast, Purdue shot 51% from the field and 40% from 3-point range.

## UP NEXT

Northwestern plays host to Michigan State on Jan. 12 while Purdue is at Rutgers on Thursday (TV: Live on FS1 at 6 p.m.).

# Haliburton's 27 leads Pacers to 126-108 win over Suns

BY MICHAEL MAROT  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Tyrese Haliburton scored 27 points and Myles Turner added 20 points, six rebounds and three blocks, leading the Indiana Pacers past the Phoenix Suns 126-108 on Saturday.

Haliburton also had eight assists and, for the second straight game, did not commit a turnover. Indiana has won three of its last four to even its overall record at 18-18. The Pacers also swept the two-game season series from Phoenix.

## TAKEAWAYS

**Suns:** Phoenix continues to create consternation over what's wrong. Booker, Durant and Bradley Beal were supposed to form the nucleus of a title contender. Instead, they've lost seven of

eight and 10 of 13, forcing coach Mike Budenholzer to continue waiting for career win No. 500.

**Pacers:** Indiana has finally started playing the way it envisioned over these past 11 games. Haliburton is in sync, the defense has improved and the Pacers have won eight times during that span to reach .500.

## KEY MOMENT

Indiana capped its big third quarter with a late 12-5 run that extended an eight-point lead to 96-82. Phoenix played catch-up the rest of the game.

## KEY STATS

Indiana had 35 assists on 46 baskets and only six turnovers while outrebounding the Suns 47-37.

# Taylor, Flacco lead Colts to 26-23 OT win over Jags

BY MICHAEL MAROT  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Jonathan Taylor closed the season with a flourish. Joe Flacco may have walked off the field for the final time as a winner.

And the duo may have done enough to save the jobs of Indianapolis Colts coach Shane Steichen and general manager Chris Ballard.

Taylor rushed for 177 yards Sunday, including 33 yards on six straight carries in overtime to set up Matt Gay's go-ahead 38-yard field goal, and the Colts ended the season with a 26-23 victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars.

"He ran hard, he's been running hard for us all year," Steichen said, hours before owner Jim Irsay announced the coach would return for a third season. "Obviously, a lot of positive yards for us, especially in overtime to get us down in there."

Taylor's 34 carries were a career best, and his fourth straight 100-yard game matched the longest streak of his career. Taylor ran for six TDs over those four games, including one on Sunday, all since dropping the ball before crossing the goal line against Denver — costing the Colts a touchdown and possibly a playoff spot.

Irsay didn't need much time to make up his mind about next season, even though some fans who stayed until the fourth quarter on a snowy day were chanting "Fire Ballard."

In a letter to fans Sunday night, Irsay said he was retaining Ballard



Indianapolis Colts running back Jonathan Taylor (28) runs for a touchdown past Jacksonville Jaguars cornerback De'Antre Prince (24) during the first half of an NFL football game on Sunday in Indianapolis.

and Steichen because he believes they can lead the franchise back to prominence more quickly than would happen under new leadership.

The 39-year-old Flacco, meanwhile is unlikely to return to the only team that offered him a contract for 2024. If this was the end of a 17-year career for the Super Bowl 47 MVP, he went out in style.

Flacco was 23 of 40 for 264 yards and threw a 40-yard TD pass to Alec Pierce on the third play of the game. He capped the day by leading the scoring drive on the opening possession of overtime for Indy (8-9).

"This doesn't feel like the end. I don't want it to be the end," Flacco said just 11 days before his 40th birthday. "But like I said, sometimes those things are out of your

control. I want to play, I want to be one of those 40-year-olds that has played in the NFL, and I want to play meaningful football."

The future for the Jags (4-13) isn't so settled.

They could be making big changes after losing three of their final four and eight of their last 10. After the game, offensive lineman Tyler Shatley announced his retirement after spending his entire 11-year career in Jacksonville.

Jaguars owner Shad Khan could move to replace both coach Doug Pederson and general manager Trent Baalke. Pederson attempted to take the high road during his postgame news conference.

"I'll find out this week. It's hard to speculate," Pederson said when asked if he thinks he'll be back

next season. "Emotions are running high right now, but I hope I'm still here. Honestly, I feel like we have the makings of a good football team. I'm optimistic."

where we want to be. We want to be in the playoffs so that part is disappointing."

## SHORT-HANDED

Both teams were short-handed. Colts quarterback Anthony Richardson and Jags defensive end Josh Hines-Alen were both inactive.

Richardson missed his second straight game with back spasms. Injuries forced him to miss four games this season and he sat out two more when he was benched.

Hines-Alen did not travel with the team because of a personal matter as he was closing in on Tony Brackens' franchise record for sacks (55).

## FAREWELL GAME

Colts head athletic trainer Dave Hammer, assistant video director John "Fuzzy" Starliper and chain crew member Bob Klein all worked their final games. Hammer and Klein each worked with the franchise for 41 seasons, while Starliper's tenure lasted 42 seasons.

## INJURIES

**Jaguars:** S Andre Cisco left early in the first quarter with an injured groin and was ruled out early in the second half.

**Colts:** Second-year CB JuJu Brents, who was activated off injured reserve Saturday, suffered a groin injury in the first half. RT Matt Goncalves left in the second half after entering the concussion protocol. Rookie DE Laiatu Latu injured a shoulder.

## Frustrated Hill appears to indicate he wants out of Miami after loss to Jets

BY DENNIS WASZAK JR.  
AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — A frustrated Tyreek Hill might want out of Miami.

The star wide receiver appeared to indicate after the Dolphins' 32-20 loss to the New York Jets on Sunday that he could want to play elsewhere next season.

"This is the first time I haven't been in the playoffs," Hill said. "For me, I have to do what's best for me and my family, if that's here or wherever the case may be. I'm (going to) open that door for myself. I'm opening the door."

"I'm out, bro. It was great playing here, but at the end of the day, I've got to do what's best for my career. ... I'm too much of a competitor to be just out there."

Hill had two catches for 20 yards against the Jets after being listed as questionable with a wrist injury and illness. He also

returned a punt for 2 yards in the loss that ended the Dolphins' season under .500 at 8-9 on a day when they were eliminated from the playoffs when Denver beat Kansas City while Miami was still playing.

He bemoaned not having quarterback Tua Tagovailoa, who missed the last two games of the season with a hip injury.

"Whenever you're missing your franchise player, it kind of (stinks)," Hill said.

After leading the NFL with 1,799 yards receiving last season, Hill finished this season — his third with the Dolphins — with just 959 on 81 catches. It was the first time he didn't have 1,000 yards receiving since he had 860 with Kansas City in an injury-filled 2019 season. It was also his fewest receptions since he had 58 in that same season.

"Love fin nation," Hill wrote on X after the game. "Blessing y'all opened

doors for the Hill family forever nothing, but respect and love."

Dolphins coach Mike McDaniel said after the game he hadn't heard Hill's comments directly and only knew about them from someone passing them along.

"Emotions are high, especially after a game like that," McDaniel said. "There will be conversations that will be direct in the next couple of days.

There is a lot of power in having a team that wants to play together and go for a common goal. I'm not going to put too much weight on second-hand postgame disappointment statements.

"We'll see how the next couple of days progress with those conversations with him and I."

McDaniel did say he was told at one point in the second half that Hill was "unavailable right before a drive" and was not told

it was the result of a new injury. Hill, however, said he was "pulled" from the game.

"At that point in time, the focus was on the players and I didn't take the time to figure out more into that," the coach said. "There were guys on the field that were competing. We were trying to win a game, so my focus was there."

McDaniel also warned

about matching "emotion with emotion" after a game.

"I'm not going to make a rash judgement on something that is a little bit cloudy in the heat of the moment for multiple reasons," he said. "Clarity will be found and you do move forward with conviction as a football team. I look forward to having conversations with him this week."

The Dolphins acquired

Hill in a trade with Kansas City ahead of the 2022 season and gave him a \$120 million, four-year contract extension that made Hill the highest-paid player at his position at the time.

Hill agreed to a restructured contract this past offseason that raised his four-year total of fully guaranteed money to \$106.5 million. His contract runs through 2026.

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## Jets' Rodgers becomes NFL's 5th to throw 500 regular-season TDs

BY DENNIS WASZAK JR.  
AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Aaron Rodgers became the fifth player in NFL history to throw 500 regular-season touchdown passes, accomplishing the feat in the second quarter of the New York Jets' 32-20 victory over the Miami Dolphins on Sunday.

On first-and-goal from the 5, Rodgers dropped back and then ran forward in the pocket to buy some time before zipping a pass to Tyler Conklin in the end zone to give the Jets a 7-6 lead with 7:57 left before halftime.

"Yeah, it was good, that was good," Rodgers said. "It was kind of like old-school red-zone touchdown like we did for so long in Green Bay where a play breaks down, move up in the pocket, guys keep working."

Conklin handed Rodgers the ball as the entire offense celebrated in the end zone, hugging the quarterback and tapping him on the helmet. Rodgers got more high-fives and hugs when he got to the sideline.

He joined Tom Brady (649), Drew Brees (571), Peyton Manning (539) and Brett Favre (508) as the

only players to reach the milestone.

The TD pass against Miami also gave him 25 for the season, the 14th time in his 20-year career he reached the mark, tying him with Brees (14) for the third-most seasons with at least that many. Only Brady (17) and Manning (16) have more.

Rodgers later passed Matt Ryan (62,792 yards passing) for seventh on the NFL's career passing list. He then added his 501st TD pass on a 13-yard throw to Allen Lazard with 59 seconds left in the first half.

Rodgers' third TD pass of the game — No. 502 — made some more history. His 4-yard throw to Davante Adams marked the 83rd time the two have combined for a score — passing Miami's Dan Marino and Mark Clayton for the third most by a quarterback-wide receiver combination.

Rodgers got No. 503 with a 6-yard touchdown pass to Breece Hall with 2:30 remaining.

"One of the greatest that has ever played this game," Jets interim coach Jeff Ulbrich said. "He put that on full display again."

The 41-year-old Rodgers

ers, who was intercepted on his first pass against Miami, entered the game one touchdown pass away from 500 after getting No. 499 on an 11-yard toss to Adams that completed a 99-yard opening drive for the Jets against the Los Angeles Rams on Dec. 22.

Rodgers had a rough outing at Buffalo last Sunday, when he was held without a TD pass, threw two interceptions and was sacked four times to bring his career total to an NFL-record 568 before giving way to Tyrod Taylor in the fourth quarter.

Rodgers' playing future beyond Sunday is uncertain. He has said he'd prefer to come back with the Jets — if he decides to continue playing. Rodgers, who has one year remaining on his contract, said he wants to take some time in the offseason to consider his future.

Meanwhile, it's not clear if the Jets will want Rodgers back. The team is going through a reset with general manager and head coach searches underway. New York's next regime, along with owner Woody Johnson, could opt to cut ties with Rodgers and go in a different direction next season.

# Burrow, Bengals win out only to be denied by Broncos

## Cincy beat Steelers but Denver routs Chiefs

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — Joe Burrow and the Cincinnati Bengals did their part right up to the end Saturday night — beating AFC North rival Pittsburgh 19-17 on the road to keep their slim playoff hopes alive — but a 38-0 blowout loss by the Kansas City Chiefs allowed the Denver Broncos to claim the final playoff spot while the Chiefs rested Patrick Mahomes and several starters on Sunday.

The Denver denied Cincinnati a spot in the playoffs despite winning five straight games to close out the regular season.

In the end, the Bengals certainly looked playoff-worthy — everywhere but the standings — as Cincinnati finished 9-8 for third in the AFC North and never recovering from an 0-3 start and a 4-8 record just before that late season blitz.

"It's not ideal," Burrow said after throwing for 277 yards and a touchdown Saturday. "But we put ourselves in this position."

In multiple ways. The Bengals were floundering at 4-8 a month ago, with seven of the losses coming by eight points or less. They responded by ripping off the five straight to wrap up the regular season, including the win over the reeling Steelers.

For the Bengals to grab the final playoff spot in the AFC, they needed the Mahomes-less Chiefs to beat Denver and the New York Jets to summon the energy at the end of a chaotic season to topple the Miami Dolphins. The Jets and aging quarterback Aaron Rodgers did their part by defeating Miami 32-20 but the Chiefs put up no fight against the Broncos.

Burrow noted that it would be "weird" rooting for the Chiefs — one of their biggest rivals in recent playoff runs — but it beat having nothing to root for at all, which was certainly where Cincinnati was headed a month ago.

While Burrow threw an interception and had his NFL-record streak of consecutive games

with at least 250 yards passing and three touchdowns come to an end, he did enough to send the Steelers (10-7) reeling into the playoffs with a four-game losing streak.

Pittsburgh will be the sixth seed and visit AFC North rival Baltimore next weekend.

"We're in a single-elimination tournament now, so we better turn our attention toward playing good football and better than we have particularly in recent weeks," Pittsburgh coach Mike Tomlin said.

If Tomlin wants a lesson on how to get it together under challenging circumstances, Cincinnati's play over the last month has provided it.

The Bengals' late run began after a 44-38 loss to the Steelers on Dec. 1 dropped them to 4-8. They haven't lost since, with Burrow playing at an MVP level and their once porous defense playing its best football of the season.

Burrow completed 37 of 46 passes, including a 12-yard touchdown to Ja'Marr Chase on Cincinnati's first possession that gave the Bengals a lead they never gave up. Chase finished with 10 receptions for 96 yards to put the NFL's "Triple Crown" for receivers (catches, yards and touchdowns) within reach.

Cincinnati held reeling Pittsburgh (10-7) to 193 yards — more than 300 less than the 520 the Steelers rolled up in the first meeting — and turned aside a late rally. Trey Hendrickson sacked Russell Wilson 3 1/2 times to boost his season total to an NFL-leading 17 1/2 on a night the Bengals never let the play-off-bound Steelers get on track.

"Obviously, our season hasn't gone the way we wanted, but we like how we closed out to get over .500 and give ourselves a chance," Cincinnati cornerback Mike Hilton said.

Wilson passed for 148 yards and a touchdown, both the score and the vast majority of the yards coming during the fourth quarter when the Steel-



Matt Freed/Associated Press

Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow (9) throws a pass during the first half of an NFL football game against the Pittsburgh Steelers on Saturday Jan. 4, in Pittsburgh.

ers were desperately playing catchup. Wilson hit Pat Freiermuth for a 19-yard touchdown pass and Chris Boswell hit a 54-yard field goal to get Pittsburgh within two.

The Steelers got the ball back just after the 2-minute warning but never made it to Cincinnati territory. Wilson threw incom-

plete to Freiermuth on fourth down and Burrow came out for a kneeldown that extended the Bengals' season to the final day but not to the playoffs.

Burrow and his teammates were hopeful of going back to work on Monday to prepare for a trip to Buffalo but instead they will be cleaning out their lock-

ers and turning their attention to what could be an eventful offseason of uncertainty. Burrow liked the Bengals chances if all the pieces had only fallen into place.

"I know that if we get in, we can make some noise with the players and coaches that we have in this building," he had said.

## Amoore, Hassett power No. 16 Kentucky women past Vandy

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Georgia Amoore totaled 24 points and nine assists, Amelia Hassett hit six 3-pointers and scored 20 and No. 16 Kentucky upped its win streak to six by beating Vanderbilt 96-78 on Sunday, ending the Commodores' second seven-game win streak of the season.

The Wildcats (13-1, 2-0 Southeastern Conference), who were coming off a school-record 18 3-pointers in a 91-69 victory over Mississippi State on Thursday, buried six more in a 31-point first quarter to build a 14-point advantage. The Commodores (14-2, 1-1) chipped

a point off of their deficit in the second quarter and trailed 51-38 at halftime.

The Commodores closed within 54-49 in the third quarter, but Teonni Key answered with a layup and her 3-pointer capped a 9-0 run to push the lead back to 14 and the Wildcats cruised.

Amoore made 8 of 18 shots with three 3-pointers for Kentucky. Hassett sank 6 of 10 from distance, adding nine rebounds and five assists. Clara Strack had 17 points and matched her career high with 15 rebounds for her seventh double-double of the season. Dazia Lawrence hit three 3-pointers and scored 17. Key pitched in

with 14 points and seven rebounds as the starters accounted for all but four points.

Mikayla Blakes, who was coming off a

school-record 36-point effort by a freshman in a

108-82 win over Georgia in the conference opener, again led Vanderbilt with 24 points. Sophomore Khamil Pierre totaled 19 points and 11 rebounds for her 11th double-double this season. She has scored in double figures in 18 straight games dating to last season. Iyana Moore scored 17.

Kentucky travels to play

Florida on Thursday. Vanderbilt travels to play No. 25 Mississippi on Thursday.

## HANOVER ROUNDUP

### Panther women open 2025 with rout of Bluffton

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Hanover College women's basketball blew open a close game and rolled to a 61-38 win at Bluffton on Saturday in the Panthers' first game of the new year.

Hanover led only 17-16 after the first quarter but held the Beavers under 10 points in each of the next three to claim the easy win.

Grace Bezold had a double-double of 13 points

and 12 rebounds to go with four assists to lead Hanover. Kaitlyn Lorenzi had 13 points and nine rebounds and Sammy Berman had 10 points.

Hanover, now 10-2 overall and 4-1 in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference, hosts defending national champion Transylvania (7-7, 4-1 HCAC) on Wednesday in a first-place battle. The Panthers then host Earlham on Saturday.

### PANTHER MEN FALL AT BLUFFTON

Hanover men's basketball fell to .500 with a 77-69 loss at Bluffton on Saturday — the Panthers' fourth-straight setback.

Hanover trailed 35-33 at halftime and stayed within striking distance but could never get over the hump.

Hanover, now 6-6 overall and 2-3 HCAC, travels to Transylvania on Wednesday and hosts Earlham on Saturday.

## COURIER AREA SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF

• Shawe's Audrey Barron and Matthew Vaughn and Southwestern's Natalee Crawford have all been named Ohio River Valley Conference players of the week.

Barron earned the award in girls basketball after scoring 42 points with 17 rebounds, 11 steals and eight assists in two games.

Vaughn won the award in boys swimming with three impressive

performances in two meets.

Crawford won the award in girls swimming after setting the school record in the 100-yard backstroke.

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##### 'C' DIVISION

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had 8 for the Hoosiers;

Morgan Ralston and

Harper Goddard 2 each for the Irish.

## Betts dominates as No. 1 UCLA women cruise past IU

BY PHILLIP B. WILSON

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMINGTON — Lauren Betts had 25 points and 12 rebounds and No. 1 UCLA shut out Indiana for more than eight minutes in the first half of a 73-62 victory on Saturday in its first visit as a Big Ten Conference member.

The Bruins (15-0, 4-0) were never seriously threatened after the Hoosiers (10-4, 2-1) missed five shots and committed seven turnovers during an 8-minute, 15-second drought that began late in the first quarter.

Betts made 12 of 16

shots for her ninth double-double of the season. She ensured a fast start by scoring three of the Bruins' first four bas-

ets in a game in which UCLA led by as many as 16 points.

Kiki Rice had 12 points, seven assists and seven rebounds for the Bruins. Gabriella Jaquez added 11 points.

Yarden Garzon led the Hoosiers with 19 points. Chloe Moore-McNeil added 12.

### TAKEAWAYS

**UCLA:** The Bruins have won all but one game by double digits, and this was an impressive road performance against a top-tier Big Ten team just two years removed from a conference title.

### KEY MOMENT

Jaquez converted a

steal into a 3-point play to

start the second quarter after Indiana had closed to within 18-16 at the end of the first quarter. The basket started a 13-0 run.

### KEY STAT

The Hoosiers' first

point in the second quar-

ter came on a free throw

with 2:56 remaining. They

scored only five in the

quarter.

### UP NEXT

The Bruins visit Purdue on Tuesday. The Hoosiers visit Northwestern on Wednesday.

# Stiga scores on OT breakaway to give US 2nd straight world junior title

OTTAWA, Ontario — Teddy Stiga scored on a breakaway at 8:04 of 3-on-3 overtime to give the United States a 4-3 victory over Finland on Sunday night in the world junior hockey championship game.

The Boston College forward beat goalie Petteri Rimpinen through the leg pads to end it.

The Americans avenged a 4-3 overtime loss to Finland in group play, overcoming a two-goal deficit in the second period to win their second straight title and seventh overall.

Boston University teammates Brandon Svoboda and Cole Hutson scored late in the second period to tie it. Svoboda cut it to 3-2 with 2:22 left on a deflected shot, and Hutson fired a wrist shot from the slot past Rimpinen with 29 seconds remaining.

Michigan State's Trey Augustine made 20 saves.

Tuomas Uronen gave Finland a 2-1 lead with 6:57 left in the first period, 59 seconds after Boston College's James Hagens tied it for the United States. Emil Pieniniemi made it 3-1 at

4:52 of the second. Jesse Kiiskinen opened the scoring at 7:13.

In the third-place game, Eduard Sale scored in the 14th round of a shootout to give Czechia a 3-2 victory over Sweden on Sunday in the third-place game at the world junior hockey championship. The Czech captain beat Marcus Gidlof on his fifth attempt — and 28th between the teams — with a move to the backhand.

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# Patriots ax coach Mayo shortly after 4-13 season

BY KYLE HIGHTOWER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The New England Patriots fired coach Jerod Mayo on Sunday after one season, beginning another reboot for the franchise just a year after it parted with longtime coach Bill Belichick.

Owner Robert Kraft announced the firing in a statement shortly after New England closed its 4-13 season with a 23-16 win over the Buffalo Bills.

"After the game I informed Jerod Mayo that he will not be returning as the head coach of the New England Patriots in 2025. For me, personally, it was one of the hardest decisions I have ever made," Kraft said. "Unfortunately, the trajectory of our team's performances throughout the season did not ascend as I had hoped."

Kraft was set to discuss the move in a news conference on Monday.

A former Patriots linebacker who worked as an assistant under Belichick, Mayo started the season with a strong endorsement from Kraft. But alongside a coaching staff that featured offensive coordinator Alex

Van Pelt and first-time defensive coordinator DeMarcus Covington, he struggled to get the most out of a young roster that included rookie quarterback Drake Mayo.

The Patriots opened the season with a win at Cincinnati before losing their next six games. They won two of their next three but then closed the season by losing six of seven, missing the playoffs for the third consecutive season. Belichick was 4-13 in his final season in 2023 to cap a 24-year run in New England that included six Super Bowl titles.

Mayo played eight seasons with New England and won a Super Bowl during the 2014 season. He took a post-retirement job in corporate America in 2015, then returned to football in 2019 to work with Belichick. He served primarily as the Patriots' linebackers coach while developing a strong reputation among players.

It made him a rising star in the coaching ranks and he turned down several interviews for head coaching jobs following the 2022 season, instead signing an extension to remain in New England.

A week after letting Beli-

chick go, the Patriots hired Mayo as the franchise's first Black head coach. At age 37, he started the season as the NFL's second-youngest coach behind Seattle's Mike Macdonald.

From the beginning of his tenure, Mayo tried to establish a culture that differed from Belichick's often robotic devotion to football — a move that drew praise from players.

Yet, it didn't translate into victories for a team that was ranked near the bottom of the NFL offensively and defensively and went 3-6 in one-score games.

Kraft could turn to another former Patriots linebacker in Mike Vrabel, the former Tennessee Titans coach who recently interviewed with the New York Jets for their coach-

ing vacancy. Vrabel was a pivotal part of the Patriots' first three Super Bowl titles during his eight seasons, and he led the Titans to three playoff appearances in six years before he was fired after the 2023 season.

After Sunday's win and before Mayo's firing was announced, players praised the job he did this season.

"He's stayed consistent," cornerback Jonathan Jones said. "The effort from the guys today showed just how no matter what the situation is, how he can get guys to go out there and fight."

Veteran quarterback Jacoby Brissett said coming together under a new coaching staff was a challenge for everyone.

"First year for head coach, offensive coordinator, defensive coordinator,

(general manager). People don't understand all that," Brissett said. "But good things take time. It's not like Rome was built in a day. ... The word that people don't want to use is patience. You've got to have patience with this thing."

Yet Kraft didn't show patience with his hand-picked coach.

Kraft first noticed Mayo's confidence shortly after the Patriots drafted him 10th overall out of Tennessee in 2008.

"I remember him immediately coming up to me and saying, 'Kraft and Mayo, they go together pretty well,'" Kraft said during Mayo's introductory news conference last January. "Sixteen years later, here we are."

When Mayo initially

returned to Patriots in 2019, Kraft noted how he saw an even more skilled leader who hadn't lost his ability to relate to players.

That same year, Mayo accompanied Kraft on a trip to Israel and the men grew closer. Kraft then made an internal prediction.

"I knew while observing him in Israel, he was the right person to be the next head coach of the New England Patriots," Kraft said. "I had that same conviction when I hired Bill Belichick, a decision that many questioned at the time, and told me I was making a major error."

But those instincts didn't pay off, and the 83-year-old Kraft will now begin the process again to find a coach who can get the franchise back on track.

## Browns move quickly to fire coaches after 3-14 season

BY TOM WITHERS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEREA, Ohio — The Cleveland Browns quickly began trying to fix a brutal, broken 2024 season.

There's no shortage of items needing repair.

Hours after finishing with a loss at Baltimore in the finale of a season that was expected to carry into the playoffs, coach Kevin Stefanski fired offensive coordinator Ken Dorsey and offensive line coach Andy Dickerson.

Those were the initial moves in what will be another busy winter as Cleveland crawls from the wreckage of the franchise's 18th double-digit loss season since 1999.

Dorsey and Dickerson both spent just one season with the Browns (3-14), who closed with a six-game losing streak and are now guaranteed to have one of the first three picks in this year's NFL draft — not what they had in mind after making the playoffs last season.

"Just bottom line, I want to go in a different direction," Stefanski said Sunday, adding he didn't expect any other "major" changes on his staff. "We need to improve, as everybody knows, on the offensive side of the ball. That's what we plan to do."

Dorsey and Dickerson were informed of the moves in the aftermath of the team's 35-10 loss in Baltimore on Saturday.

A two-time AP Coach of the Year, Stefanski survived one of the most disappointing seasons in team history along with general manager Andrew Berry, who is scheduled to meet with the media on Monday.

Stefanski's search for his third offensive coordinator since 2020 is already underway. Tight ends coach Tommy Rees is believed to be one of the internal candidates.

There are several other pressing issues for the Browns, chiefly at starting quarterback and the future of superstar defensive end Myles Garrett, who hinted after Saturday's game that he could be in line for a contract extension.

"There'll be something coming," said Garrett, who has made it clear to owners Dee and Jimmy Haslam that he doesn't want to be part of any rebuild and recently opened the possibility of asking to be traded.

Garett, who has two years left on a \$125 million

deal, wants to see the team's offseason plans — on both sides of the ball.

While Cleveland's defense underperformed this season, the offense was atrocious.

With Dorsey in charge, the Browns finished last in scoring and only reached at least 20 points in three games. Dorsey, who was fired by the Buffalo Bills last season, had been brought to Cleveland to help structure an offense around quarterback Deshaun Watson's versatile skillset.

But Watson never got going as he struggled in his return from major shoulder surgery and the Browns went just 1-6 in his starts before he ruptured his Achilles tendon in October.

That was followed by Stefanski handing play-calling duties over to Dorsey and the offense showed some life when Jameis Winston took over at quarterback.

However, the spark was short-lived and Winston got benched after throwing eight interceptions in three games. Dorian Thompson-Robinson started twice and Bailey Zappe played against the Ravens — Cleveland's 40th starting QB since 1999.

Replacing the respected Bill Callahan, who left to coach with his son, Brian, in Tennessee was going to be tough for any coach. The Browns' running game never got rolling under Dickerson's direction — it didn't help running back Nick Chubb was recovering from knee surgery — and Cleveland's O-line gave up 66 sacks.

Right tackle Jack Conklin said the switch in offensive philosophies was detrimental.

"It was a tall task for anybody to take over," Conklin said. "I feel bad for Andy having it go this way. Obviously wanted to have success in doing this other offense, but it just didn't work."

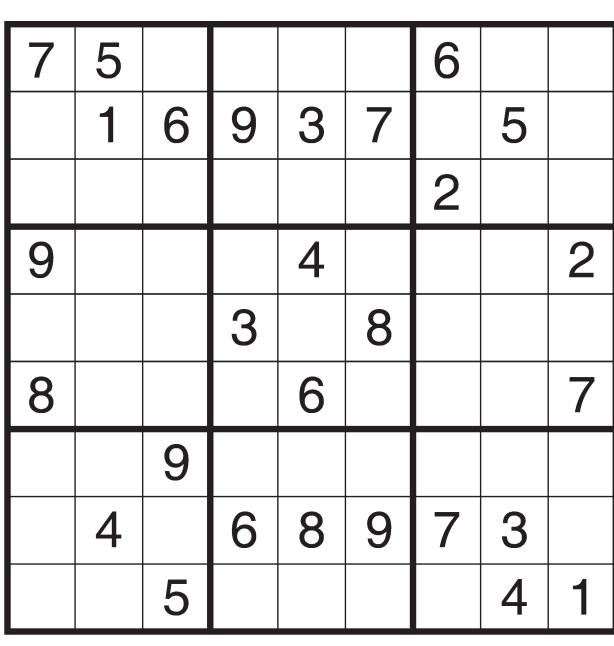
Left guard Joel Bitonio believes returning to a run-heavy, play-action scheme would be a wise move.

"It's what Coach Stefanski is most comfortable with," Bitonio said. "The line was kind of built that way as well. I thought me and Wyatt (Teller) as pullers running some outside zone, That was what I did well in my career, and I probably pulled less than 10 times this year overall. And there were

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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

## HOROSCOPE

JAN. 7

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) Wait for clarity if misunderstandings occur. Making decisions by flipping a coin might not be the best approach. In a few days, everything might become clearer, and you should be able to act with certainty rather than relying on blind faith.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Embrace good fortune. Think about welcoming any good luck or advice that comes your way. Stay connected with knowledgeable people who could offer wise counsel because you may easily fall prey to your own wishful thinking.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Keep an eye out for resourceful and intentional ways to spend your money. A discerning eye may lead to finding valuable deals in unexpected places. Good humor, optimism, and wisdom might help you overcome obstacles.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Stay true to yourself. People may be more understanding and sympathetic than you think. Don't lower your expectations or change your goals just to fit in. Your unique qualities and out of the norm ideas could make you more likable to others.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Work behind the scenes, you may do better by staying out of the spotlight now. Consider letting a partner or loved one handle haggling and delicate negotiations. Be mindful that your choices and actions could have far-reaching future consequences.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Forgive and forget. If a close friend, partner, or loved one appears to be annoyed early in the day, it might be due to a long and intricate list of obligations that must be addressed. Being patient and helpful could help them get back into balance.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Find common ground. Insisting on instant gratification might create friction, let nature take its course for events to unfold as you wish. Instead of quibbling with a friend or loved one, aim to achieve a mutually happy and peaceful compromise.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Enjoy socializing on your own terms. Loved ones could interrupt your peace, but it may be worth it. You might be happy to participate once your tasks are done. You might even receive more invitations than you can handle.

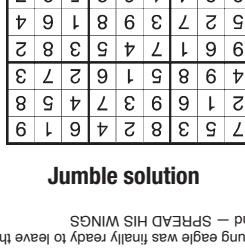
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Forgive others and be forgiven. If you're straightforward and honest, unexpected problems might be easily minimized. Aiming to do what may be expected of you and sticking with normal routines could yield the best results.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Share your blessings with the world. Life has much to offer, and you have reaped many rewards, so don't be embarrassed to share the harvest with your loved ones. And don't be too proud or shy to ask for help when you need it.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Stay positive. Lean into embracing generosity and varying viewpoints. Look for the upside in problems. Stay generous when offering to help others, making sure to give according to how you're able to contribute.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) Good behavior is often its own reward. Sometimes you might miss out on recognition, but you can take comfort in knowing you've done the right thing. Visualize what you want, make a clear plan, and take action to achieve it.

## Sudoku solution



## Jumble solution

ABIDE GUESS SHRIMP SWANKY  
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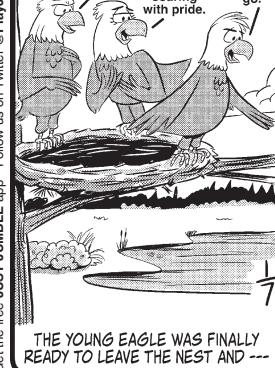


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## THAT SCRABBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Monday's unlisted clue: OXFORD

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Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: CAPITAL CITY

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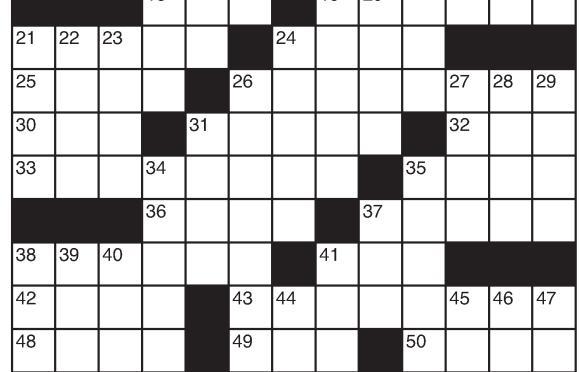
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- 5 Pear-shaped fruit
- 8 "The Black Prince" author
- 12 High point
- 13 Hostel
- 14 Central point
- 15 "Citadel" actress
- 17 Only
- 18 Brooch
- 19 Rappers' improvisations
- 21 Signaled "Hi!"
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- 25 Battery fluid
- 26 Female royal
- 30 Roulette bet
- 31 Carried on, as war
- 32 Pickles on "Rugrats"
- 33 Inmate

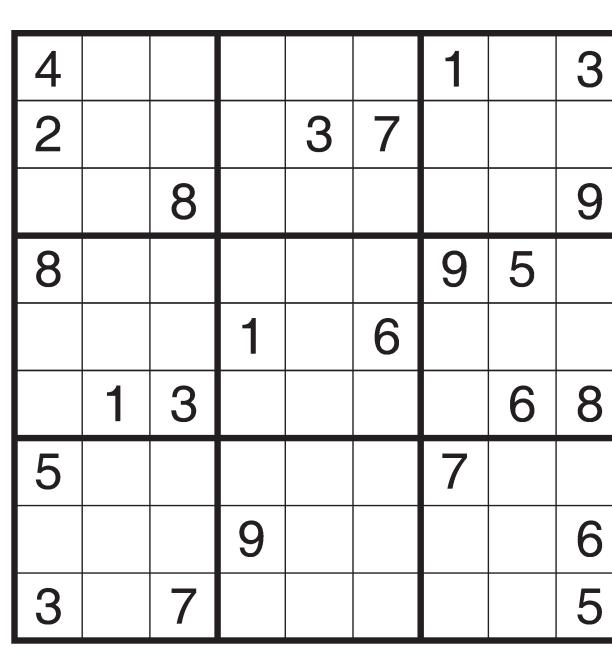
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- 35 Chorus syllables
- 36 "I dropped the fruitcake!"
- 37 How distant stars shine
- 38 Politico Nancy
- 41 Parcel of land
- 42 Latin 101 word
- 43 Arch-bishops, e.g.
- 48 Get over-emotional
- 49 Slithery fish
- 50 Prime-time hour
- 51 Villa d'—
- 52 Tofu source
- 53 Bigfoot's cousin
- 21 Antonym (Abbr.)
- 2 Capita lead-in
- 3 — chi
- 4 Used a Zoom alternative
- 5 Twain hero
- 6 Squid squirt
- 7 More knotted, as a tree
- 8 Harmonious
- 9 Leeway
- 10 Between jobs
- 11 Beholds
- 16 Help
- 20 Royal flush, e.g.
- 21 Get bent out of shape
- 22 Computer brand
- 23 Caesar's "I saw"
- 24 Implores
- 26 Primitive flutes
- 27 Wax-coated cheese
- 28 Ledge
- 29 Do in
- 31 Courts
- 34 Mollify
- 35 Lengthy list
- 37 —
- 38 Leaf
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- 40 Endure
- 41 Easter bloom
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- 47 Six, in Sicily

Solution time: 22 mins.



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## HOROSCOPE

JAN. 8

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) Keep your promises. If you've committed to something, follow through with it. People may respect you more if you are reliable and true to your word, especially in a crisis. Talk your way through minor misunderstandings.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Give yourself permission to take a break. If a relationship, family, or career has you feeling stuck in a role you don't enjoy, consider taking a short getaway. Find the time and space to express your true, authentic self or to enjoy daydreaming.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Where there's a will, there's a way. You might find yourself paired with someone who encourages you to try harder and aim higher. Following their lead could take you far as you reorganize current obligations and learn from past mistakes.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Embrace forgiveness towards yourself and others. You may not need to beg for mercy, as rifts will likely fade, and a spirit of reconciliation likely will prevail. Trust your intuition and consider putting plans into motion after organizing all the details.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Destiny is a choice. You may hope to make wise decisions about people and goals soon. One small step could lead to the big changes you've dreamt of. A single, crucial decision might set off a chain of events that significantly impact your life.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Love and appreciate the people around you. You might be overlooking something or someone wonderful. Friends and family may have the potential to inspire and uplift you daily. Look at them with a more appreciative eye.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Balance hard work with acts of kindness. A strong work ethic could earn you praise during a collaboration, while an understanding heart may win someone's affection. Friends could be inspired by your vision and determination to succeed.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Invest time and energy in your personal growth. Move forward and develop the latent potential you know lies within you. Only you can judge what truly makes you happy and brings you joy. Take pride in your progress and accomplishments.

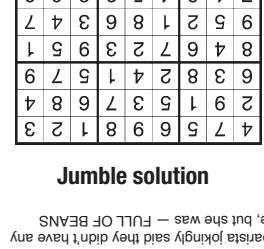
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Get reacquainted with your comfort zone. Making wise decisions and forming plans may be much easier when you feel secure among loved ones. Prepare for a new project by seeing the pros and cons in advance.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Envision a more profitable scenario. Information from reliable sources could change your perspective so you make more intelligent plans. Navigating the complexities of close relationships could be more challenging than usual this week.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Seek sound advice and stay innovative. Sticky problems might be solved more easily if you allow others to share their thoughts, experience, and wisdom. Consider using strategic tactics but always maintain a friendly attitude towards everyone.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) Self-discipline is your superpower. Take a moment to review your goals and agenda to ensure everything is in order. Soon you might find a great opportunity to put your creative ideas into action or discuss ways to form a successful plan of action.

## Sudoku solution



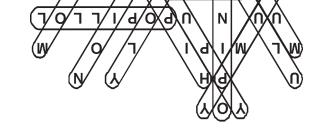
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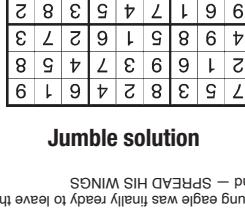


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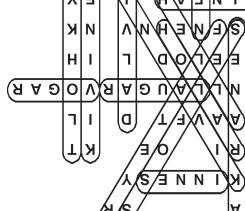
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